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Government's Explanation Of Evacuation Policy DISCRIMINATION RACIALLY DENIED Token Vote Likely To Be Opposed

INDICATIONS THAT THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WERE INTENDING TO CHALLENGE THE JUSTIFICATION OF THE WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT'S COMPULSORY EVACUATION PROGRAMME DURING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON THE "TOKEN VOTE" OF \$10,000, WERE GIVEN EARLY THIS AFTERNOON.

Main interest in the regular Legislative Council meeting centred on the replies to the questions of the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada.

The general sense of the official reply was that there was no racial discrimination, that Government had concentrated on getting those persons away who were not domiciled in Asia, and that it would be much easier, when they were away, to handle the problem of other evacuation should an emergency threaten.

The following is the text of the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada's questions and the answers, which were given by the Colonial Secretary the Hon. Mr. R.A.C. North:

(1) Was the recent compulsory evacuation of women and children from the Colony at the order of the Home Government or directed by the Hong Kong Government?

Answer

1. As announced in the press communiqué issued on June 29 last, this action was taken on instructions from the War Cabinet.

(2) If the former, was the order in terms that only British

women and children of pure European descent should be evacuated?

Answer

2. The terms of the order were that the evacuation of British women and children should be done as a first step.

(3) If the answer to (2) is in the affirmative, did Government draw the attention of the Home Government to the following:

(a) that there is in the Colony a large number of British women and children who are not of pure European descent? (b) the consequent discrimination involved in the said order?

Answer

3. The answer is in the negative. The Government is aware of the position.

(4) If the answer to (1) is that the said evacuation was directed by the Hong Kong Government, will Government state its reasons for limiting it as indicated in (2)?

Answer

4. This does not arise.

Original Scheme

(5) Is it not a fact that (a) before September 1939 a scheme had been drawn up by a Committee appointed by Government which scheme provided for the evacuation inter alia of women and children who are British Subjects? (b) that the said Committee recommended "selective evacuation" if the available accommodation fell short of requirements and suggested further that a reasonable basis for determining the order of selection would be: (i) Naval and Naval Volunteer families; (ii) Military, R.A.F. and H.K.V.D.C. families; (iii) Civilian families. (c) that those to whom the operation of the scheme was entrusted were unequivocally informed that, upon an evacuation, and irrespective of the question of accommodation, the said order of selection or precedence would be observed?

(d) that before September 1939

SURVIVORS OF KARSTEN SINKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was reported in Shanghai yesterday that several Chinese survivors of the German motor vessel Karsten, sunk by Chinese coastal batteries near Ningpo, have been rescued.

No further information about the disaster is available.

The Karsten was owned by the China Export and Import Bank, a German concern.

Capt. Hoefting was in command of the Karsten which at the time of the disaster carried a Chinese crew but no passengers.

Due to the present hostilities in the Ningpo area, the owners stated there is little hope of salvaging the ship in the near future although the Karsten sank in shallow water and requires only a minimum effort to be refloated.—Havas.

personnel had been recruited for the purpose of putting the scheme into operation when the occasion arose? (e) that the said scheme was designed to operate at short notice? (f) that as regards the recent evacuation there was no question of short notice?

Answer

5. The September 1939 scheme was drawn up to meet a contingency which has not yet arisen and it is considered unnecessary to apply it in the present circumstances. Should the situation alter, appropriate steps will be taken.

The Reason Why

(6) If the answers to (5) (a) and (b) are in the affirmative will Government state why the said scheme and order of precedence were abandoned in favour of the evacuation as in fact carried out?

Answer

6. The reply is as to question 5.

(7) Who is to bear the cost of the recent evacuation?

Answer

7. The cost of transport of civilian families will be met from Hong Kong funds. The question

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EVACUATION
DATE SET
FOR AUGUST 3

It was officially announced this afternoon that those women who received notices of evacuation sent out on July 20 will not be sailing before August 3.

A communiqué states: On 20th July notices were sent to certain women and children advising them to prepare for evacuation direct to Australia on or about the 28th of July. It is now announced that the ship will not sail before 3rd August. Further detailed instructions will be sent out in due course.

FLOODS
SWEEP OVER
SHANTUNG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

As a result of exceptionally heavy rainfall during the past several days, floods have covered more than 20 districts in Shantung province, where many mountain streams have become so swollen that they have over-run their banks.

Among the inundated areas are Tsiyang, Tsining, Chefoo, Tschien, Changyi, Wenshang and Tungping districts.

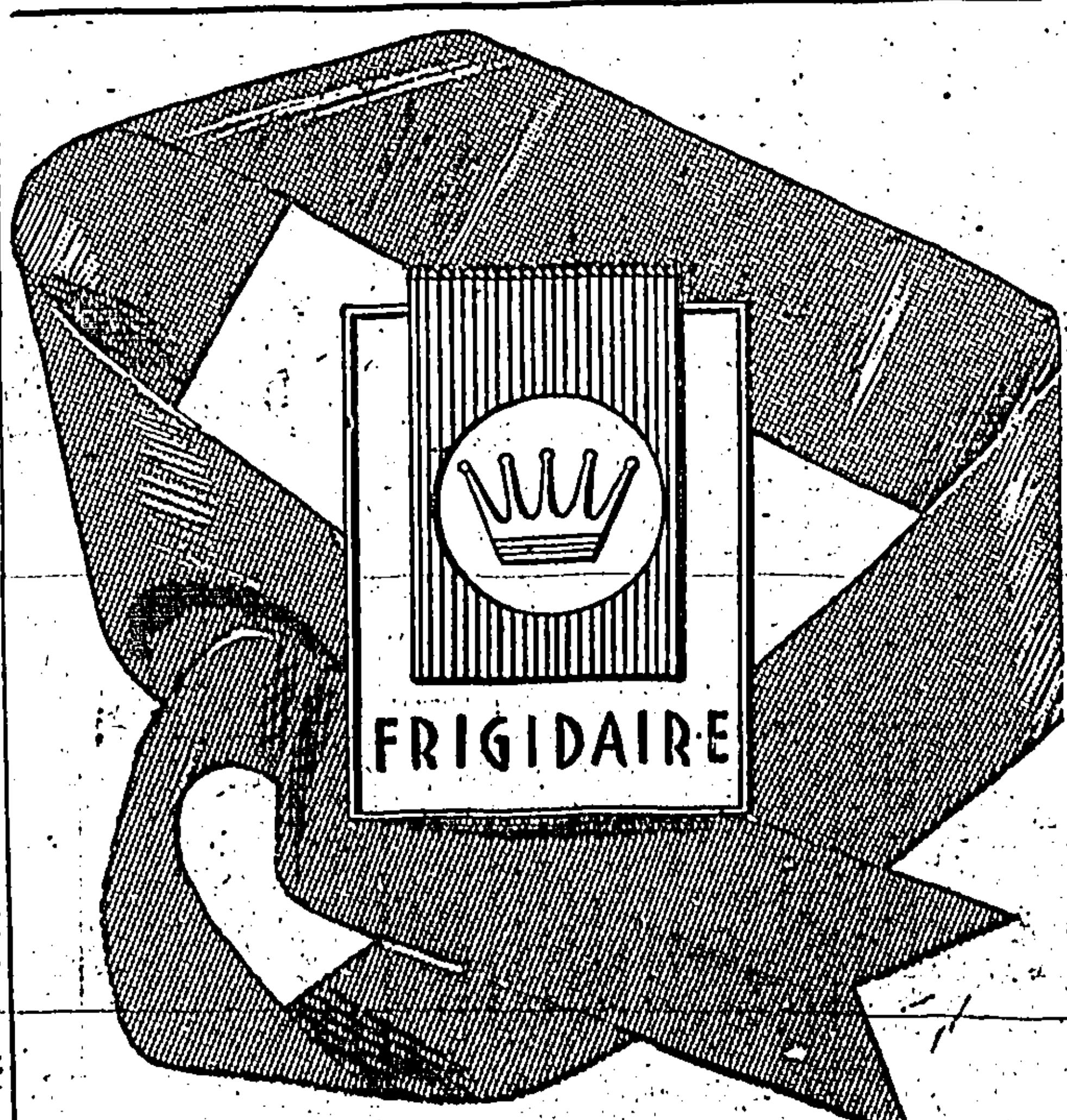
The Shantung provincial administration has already sent officials to give urgently needed relief and to carry out a thorough survey of the flooded areas.

The administration has also telegraphed the North China Political Council in Peiping requesting aid and funds.—Havas.

JAVA TOUR CANCELLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Java tour of the Eastern Football Touring Team has unexpectedly been cancelled, and the team is sailing from Singapore for Hong Kong this evening.—Our Own Correspondent.



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EMERGENCY COURTS

Important Amendment Accepted By Minister

Right Of Appeal Against Sentence

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday resumed consideration in committee of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Bill, which provides powers for the trial of offences by special courts in special areas.

As the Bill stands at present it is laid down that the proceedings of such courts shall be subject to no review.

Criticism had been advanced in this respect and yesterday Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, declared it had never been in the mind of Government to exclude review in a case for the prerogative of mercy.

In cases of capital or lesser sentences, everyone had the right to appeal to the clemency of the Crown and in the case of the death sentence, before it could be carried out a review was made by the Home Secretary as a matter of course irrespective of any appeal. He suggested that the insertion of amendments on the report stage of the Bill would go a long way to meet the misgivings.

Question Of Reprieve

Sir John added that he was quite willing to propose the insertion of words to make quite clear that provision must be made by regulation for securing that no death sentence shall be carried out until the question of a reprieve had been duly considered.

After a considerable debate the Attorney-General appealed to the House to make progress with the Bill.

He said: "We want the Bill to pass through the House to-night. It is impossible to get a form of words this evening to meet the desire expressed, but the Home Secretary will be prepared to consider whether a form of words would be inserted in the Bill in the House of Lords." (Cries of "No").

Attorney-General's Stand

The Attorney-General said that acceptance of Mr. Harvey's amendment might be taken as indication that in the opinion of Government a review ought to operate over every case.

"So long as it was clear this is not demanded, I am prepared to accept the amendment."

The amendment was agreed to.

Passes Commons

The Emergency Powers Bill was finally read a third time without a division.—Reuter.

BRITISH PURCHASES IN AMERICA

Figures issued in Washington yesterday show to what an extent United States exports to Great Britain have grown.

In June, the United States sent to Britain explosives, fire-arms and ammunition to the total value of \$23,000,000, or 76 times the value of those sent the month before.

Exports of war material for the whole month were over £875,000, or more than those of the five preceding months put together!

Of this war material, £66,000 were sent to Australia, £800,000 to Canada, and £47,000 to South Africa—mostly in aircraft.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over south Japan and the Pacific to the south-east; it is relatively low in a trough extending from Tongking across the China Sea and Luzon to the Carolines.

HONG KONG EXCHANGE CONTROL

A general report on exchange control in Hong Kong during 1939, prepared by the Assistant Financial Secretary (Exchange), Mr. D. Kelvin Stark, states:—

Defence (Finance) Regulations were published on 8th September, 1939, and exchange control came into effect the same day.

The regulations in Hong Kong followed closely those adopted in England with the important exception that no import and export control in relation to currency was introduced.

Nineteen banks were authorized to exchange foreign currency required for commercial, personal and contractual purposes and forty-two Chinese banks were registered as permitted to deal similarly in Chinese National currency. Banks are not permitted to conduct exchange transactions falling outside the categories described above, and such transactions can only be undertaken subject to exchange control permits of which 262 were issued in 1939.

Under the exchange control legislation British subjects resident in the Colony were required to surrender certain classes of Canadian and foreign currency in their possession. During 1939, 158 persons thus surrendered currency.

In addition to the surrender of foreign currency, the regulations required that securities of certain selected foreign currencies should be registered. The exchange control officer registered 264 separate holdings of securities during 1939.

The regulations also imposed restriction on the export of gold and foreign currencies and 102 permits to export were issued during 1939.

The staff of the exchange control office consisted at the end of the year of one Cadet Officer, one officer of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff, and three officers of the Junior Clerical Service.

No prosecutions or legal proceedings against any persons took place in 1939 under the regulations and almost without exception the fullest co-operation was extended to government by British, Chinese and other neutral bankers, by the public generally and by firms and individuals in carrying out the various requirements of the Defence (Finance) Regulations.

LORD LLOYD SPEAKS CYPRIOT

When Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for Colonies, inspected two detachments of Cypriot transport companies attached to the Northern and Southern Commands yesterday, he delighted them by addressing them in their own language.

He also inspected a Palestine Corps, and told them how impressed he was by their bearing and discipline; he also congratulated them on their efficiency in the recent campaign in France.—Reuter.

FUNCTIONS OF M.I. IN FAR EAST QUERIED.

The Far Eastern Bureau of the Ministry of Information, which has its headquarters in Hong Kong, was the subject of a question in the House of Commons.

Sir Stanley Reed asked the Minister of Information for a statement on the functions of the Bureau and asked him in what respect these functions differed from those already performed by the Governors, the Ambassadors and their staffs, including, in some cases, special publicity officers already stationed in Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo and other Far Eastern centres.

Mr. Duff Cooper declared that the chief functions of the Bureau which shared officers with the Hong Kong Department of Information were to co-ordinate the activities of all Far Eastern posts and as enemy propaganda was detected to counter the propaganda with broadcasting, films etc.

It had also arranged for the local production of suitable materials and its distribution in the Far East.—Reuter.

EMBASSIES IN NEW HOMES IN CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

All foreign embassies and consulates in Chungking, with the sole exception of the Soviet Embassy, are now functioning in Chungking's suburb on the south bank of the Yangtse.

The French Embassy was the last to move to its new buildings.

All houses of the British Embassy and consulate are now completely uninhabitable owing to the repeated Japanese bombings. The German consulate building has also been abandoned on account of bomb damage.

The new quarters of the French Embassy are crowded in the premises of a British commercial firm, while the British Embassy is housed in the naval canteen.

The German Embassy is situated in a private house in the hills. The remoteness of the embassies and consulates from the centre of Chungking's life is causing some inconvenience but all are settling down and are maintaining a good spirit in spite of the cramped accommodation.—Havas.

CHUNGKING PROTEST

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chungking has filed another strong protest with diplomatic representatives of the foreign governments concerned against handing over by the Shanghai Municipal Council of the land documents to Fu Siao-en.

The Ministry points out that since the documents were entrusted to its custody by the Land Bureau of the Greater Shanghai Municipality under Mayor O.K. Yui, the S.M.C. had no right to hand them over to any organisation other than the original Land Bureau.

Characterising the action of the S.M.C. as unlawful, the Ministry said that it not only seriously affected the interests of Chinese and foreigners in Shanghai but also betrayed the trust of the Chinese Government.—Central News.

BURMA ROAD DISCUSSED IN SECRET

When the House of Lords met yesterday afternoon, says a Reuter cable from London, the House went immediately into secret session and discussed the Government's foreign policy.

The Burma Road decision was expected to be one of the key points of the debate.

DAIRY CASE ADJOURNED

Admitting that the milk he sold to the Yuen Yuen Dairy on July 23 was not pasteurized but saying that he had arranged with the purchaser to pasteurize it, Tsang Wing-fuk, 36, of Diamond Hill, was fined \$50 by Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for selling unpasteurized milk.

Pleading not guilty to selling or exposing for sale unpasteurized milk, Lee Shu-leung, 33, master of the Yuen Yuen Dairy Farm, No. 108, Prince Edward Road, was remanded until next Monday afternoon on \$100 bail.

Sanitary Inspector H. L. Lockhart, prosecuting, stated that milk must be pasteurized, and that Tsang himself was responsible despite any arrangement with the purchaser.

Inspector Lockhart alleged that

SHARP RISE IN H.K.'S RATEABLE VALUE

The annual report of the Assessor published in Legislative Council to-day shows that the rateable value of Hong Kong property rose during 1939 from \$35,502,622 to \$41,915,072, an increase of \$6,412,450.

Since the 1929-1930 re-valuation the total Rateable Value has increased by \$11,459,556 or 36.24 per cent, taking the value at the 31st December 1939.

The shortage of accommodation of all kinds continued, but became a shade less acute towards the end of the year, due no doubt partly to the considerable building that was carried out outside the City limits. The only noticeable effect, however, was a tendency for exceptionally high rents to fall somewhat.

The report adds that the Prevention of Eviction Ordinance, 1938, which on 26th May, 1939, was extended for a year, was consolidated and amended on 15th December, 1939, and continued to exercise its steady effect. Under this amended Ordinance a landlord or tenant may, on payment of a fee, obtain a Certificate from the Assessor stating what in his opinion is the fair and reasonable rent of any dwelling to which the Ordinance applies.

Yuen Yuen Dairy had sold unpasteurized milk on previous occasions although the Dairy had equipment for pasteurization.

FIRE DESTROYS 500 HOUSES IN CHINHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SITUATION in the Ningpo district is still somewhat obscure.

According to Chinese reports in Shanghai this morning, over 500 houses were destroyed by fire in Chinhai and thousands of Chinese and Japanese troops killed.

Chinhai is stated to be strongly held by the Chinese. General Chiang Kai-shek has congratulated the victorious troops.

Meanwhile, nothing is known of the situation in other localities in East Chekiang.

Chinhai and Yungkien are being blockaded by the Chinese themselves who have scuttled many ships to form a new boom blocking the way to Ningpo.

It is supposed the Chinese intention was the reason for the sinking of the German freighter Karsten together with two other steamers and several junks.—Havas.

Japanese Ship Sunk

During the operations at Chinhai, the Chinese troops captured a Japanese merchantman which they sank at the mouth of the Yung River.

Three Japanese planes circling over Chinese positions were brought down by anti-aircraft fire, and crashed into the sea.

Japanese warships arrived off Sichpu, ten miles northwest of Chinhai, at noon yesterday. Japanese marines tried to reach the shore in steam boats but retired under heavy fire.

COOLIE TRANSPORT TO SAVE PETROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Highly promising efforts are being made in Chungking to save gasoline by organising on an unprecedented scale a coolie-carrying traffic.

The Ministry of Communications is setting up a special board for manpower traffic, entrusted with the enlistment of a large number of carrying coolies, the establishment of relay stations and so forth, which will enable a large increase and saving of existing gasoline stocks.—Havas.

SALESMAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Mok Cheung-hing, 31, salesman, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning with the embezzlement of \$104.10, received by him on behalf of the Thomas Groceria.

Defendant was remanded for further enquiry.

THOUSANDS OF PLANES A MONTH PROMISED

ULTIMATUM TO FINLAND DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An authoritative Stockholm spokesman denies reports that Soviet Russia has sent an ultimatum to Finland ordering her to immediately demobilise her army. Finland has received no such demands, says the Swedish spokesman.—Havas.

THE ANSWER OF ENGLAND

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, told the Overseas League in London yesterday:

"The lion does not merely go out to defend its young — the cubs come home with great strength to defend the parent."

Hilter had, he went on, after some long hesitation made the kind of speech that was expected of him. Lord Halifax had answered him.

It was clear that the answer of the British people and the Dominions and the Colonies was to prepare more insistently than ever to secure the victory.

At the present moment, said Mr. Alexander, there could be no doubt that despite all the threats hurled against us, we can face the future, not in any spirit of boasting, but with greater confidence than many of us thought possible a few months ago.—Reuter.

FORT CAPUZZO OPERATION

A communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday reported further enemy losses of lorries and guns near Fort Capuzzo (Libya).

The communiqué continued: "In Somaliland active patrolling by motorised detachments and the Somaliland Camel Corps continues."

"Many Italian frontier posts have now been successfully raided and identifications and information obtained."

"On other fronts there is nothing to report." — Reuter.

REFUGE FOR CHILDREN IN MEXICO

It is officially announced in Mexico City by the British Consul-General, after discussions with the Mexican Government, that any British children evacuated from Britain, the United States or Canada would be welcomed in Mexico if brought by their parents or well-intentioned societies.

If homes and maintenance were assured, the normal restrictions for immigrants would be waived.

The Mexican Press announces that a plan has been made for Mexico to receive five hundred British children. It is pointed out that many Spanish children have been refugees in Mexico since the Spanish Civil War.—Reuter.

The announcement in regard to American production was as follows: "I have just received a telephone message from Mr. Morris Wilson, agent of the Aircraft Ministry in the United States and in Canada, who is authorised to state that Mr. Henry Morgenthau will approve plans to put into immediate production aeroplanes for our account up to a total output of 3,000 a month. These plans will be developed without delay. This is in addition to our present American programme.

"This is great news for you indeed."

Curious Fact

Lord Beaverbrook said he had to-day examined a Messerschmidt 110 brought down in battle almost undamaged.

It was a fine machine with two engines of excellent workmanship.

SPAIN ATTACKS MR. HULL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Spanish press is bitterly critical of the Pan-American conference, and is warning the States attending against what it calls U.S. machinations and a solemn conference inspired by materialism.

—Havas.

WITHOUT FOOD FOR DAYS

A 40-year-old unemployed Tong Lee, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards to-day, with the theft of a bottle of milk from the staircase of No. 8E, Babington Path early this morning.

Defendant was seen to take the bottle of milk and drink it, at about 5.45 a.m.

Defendant told the Court that he was very hungry. He was selling brooms a few days ago, but his stock in trade was stolen from him. He dares not face his employer. He stayed in the streets and had nothing to eat during the last few days.

Defendant was ordered to sign a personal bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

HEARST MAKES A PROPHETIC

MR. W. R. HEARST, THE WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PROPRIETOR, IN AN ARTICLE IN HIS CHAIN OF PAPERS YESTERDAY, IN WHICH HE STATED THAT AMERICAN ENTRY INTO THE WAR WAS A CERTAINTY, ADDED THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS ENGLAND IS ENTIRELY ANALOGOUS TO THAT OF ITALY TOWARDS GERMANY BEFORE ITALY ENTERED THE WAR.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, HE SAYS, THE UNITED STATES CAN GIVE MORE EFFECTIVE AID TO ENGLAND BY STAYING OUT OF THE WAR THAN BY ENTERING BUT WITHIN A YEAR SHE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO JOIN THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN EFFECTIVE WARFARE AND WILL DO SO: — REUTER.

FATHER JACQUINOT RETURNING?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "China Press" of Shanghai this morning publishes a report from Hong Kong stating that Father Jacquinot, at present in the British colony, intends to return to Shanghai in the near future. Father Jacquinot left Shanghai intending to go to France to participate in relief work.—Havas.

STRONG SUPPORT EMERGING FOR U.S. AT HAVANA

STRONG SUPPORT is emerging at the Pan-American Conference for Secretary of State Cordell Hull's programme of raising world living standards instead of surrendering to the Nazi barter methods, says the Havana correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor" in a despatch to his newspaper yesterday.

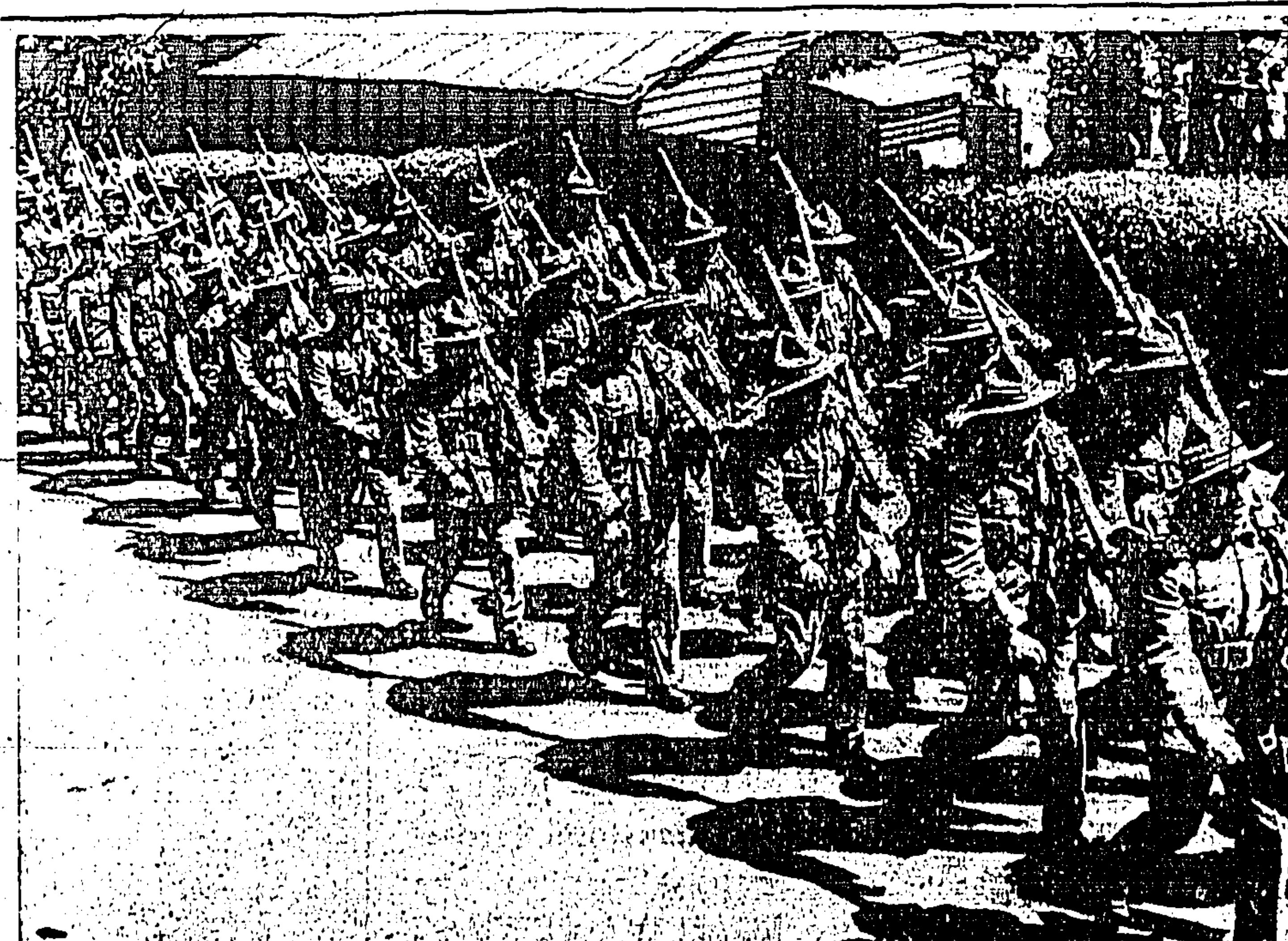
Columbia, the Central American countries, Brazil and others which sell heavily to the United States, spoke in general support though many details remain to be worked out.

Commenting on the conference, the correspondent adds that viewed in a world setting, Havana holds the advanced outpost of liberal economics and finance capitalism.

The United States, holding most of the world's gold, faces the prospect either of restoring its \$19,000,000,000 value or other revolutionary denunciation of the existing world economic system which is already badly dislocated.

It is not too much to say that Havana is making every effort for the restoration of liberal trading methods throughout the world.

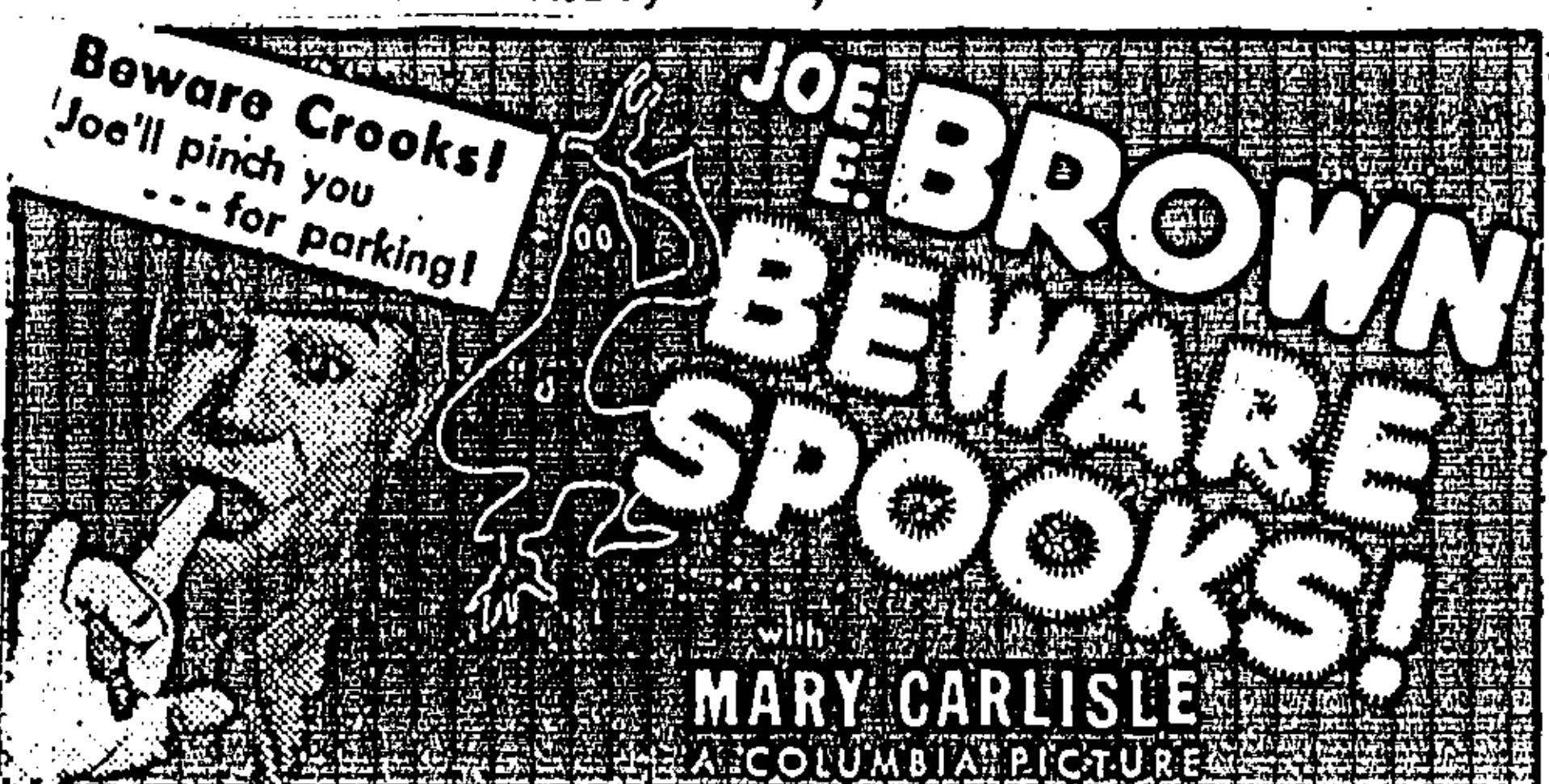
"The Western Hemisphere is trying to build at least one impregnable system for the eventual restoration of liberal trade at a moment when a narrow autocracy is attempting to impose itself on all nations." — Reuter.



New Zealanders are now at a depot "Somewhere in Britain" and here are some of them on the march. (Copyright, Fox.)



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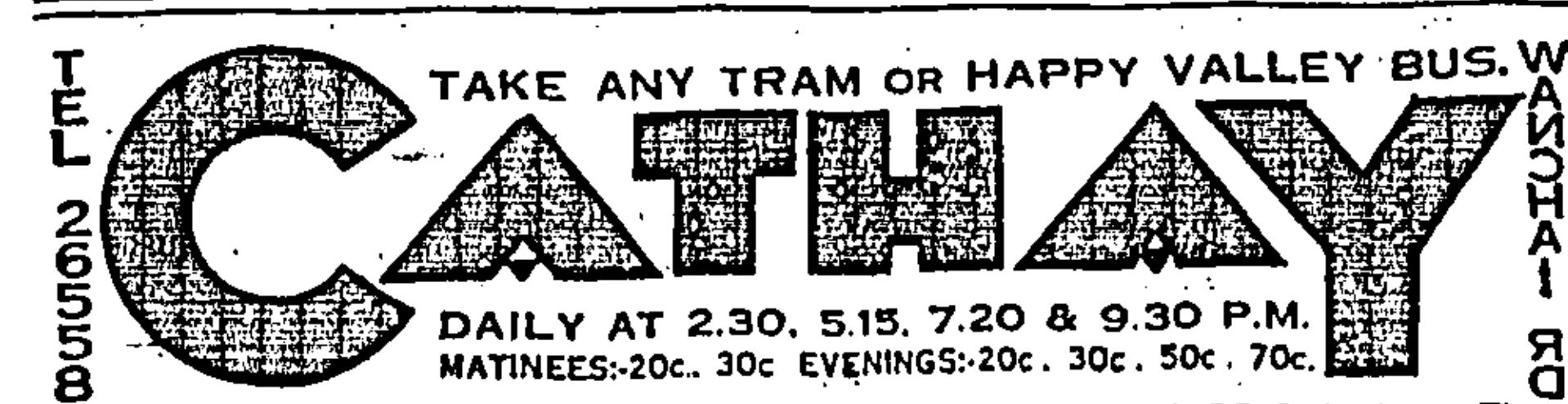


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RUMANIA PLAYING GERMAN GAME AGAINST BRITAIN

THE RUMANIAN Government has taken action against British oil interests in Rumania which is likely to lead to sharp representations.

Reuter's Bucharest correspondent says that the Rumanian Oil Commission has appointed a "Controller" to "supervise the affairs" of Astra Romana, the biggest oil undertaking in Rumania.

Astra Romana is owned by British and Dutch interests.

The step has been taken following allegations that the Company failed to supply the Commission with the required details of their operations.

German Propaganda

The commission's announcement coincides with the publication in Rumania for the first time of the recent German White Paper purporting to prove Anglo-French connivance in the total destruction of the Rumanian oil industry and based on documents said to have been found in a train used by the French General Staff.

They contain secret reports alleged to have been sent by the French mission in Bucharest and even cite a telegram attributed to a former French Ambassador, M. Thierry, urging the blocking of the Danube to impede German traffic.

French official circles in Bucharest express the greatest surprise that such documents, dealing with the period when the Rumanian and Allied authorities were working in close contact, should be allowed to be published in Bucharest.

Crude Attempt

Not only is M. Thierry still head of the French mission but the implications of the documents concern Rumanians at present in office as much as the Allied missions.

British official circles are not disposed to comment on such a crude attempt to fan the flames against British interests.

Meanwhile the Germans are using every pretext to precipitate the Rumanians into action against foreign holdings.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN ARMAMENTS DRIVE

An emergency labour regime has been established in Rumania by a decree published yesterday enabling the Government to expand the working time of industries and transport organisations beyond the 8-hour day at present in force.

All holidays and Sunday leave may be cancelled at armament works and women may be employed on night work.—Reuter.

ITALIANS LOSE SUEZ CANAL JOBS

The Cairo newspaper "Al Mokattam" reported yesterday that the Suez Canal Company has requested the Egyptian Government to nominate 200 Egyptians to occupy posts vacant through the dismissal of enemy nationals.

If this report is accurate, it is thought by those in close touch with the Company's affairs in London that the dismissals referred to would involve a number of Italian officials occupying minor posts.—Reuter.

PAYMENT OF FRENCH LEGION

Negotiations are proceeding with representatives of General de Gaulle, head of Free France, as to the rates and emoluments to be fixed for the payment of French volunteers, said Sir Edward Grigg, Under-Secretary for War, in the House of Commons yesterday.

In the meantime, advances had been issued to them on a provisional scale.

Similar negotiations were proceeding with Poland. Advances had been made to Polish troops and also to the Czechs.

In the case of Norwegians, Dutch and Belgians, payment of these had been undertaken by the Governments concerned at their own rates.—Reuter.

ANGLO-POLISH AGREEMENT

An agreement initialled between the British and Polish Governments in London yesterday reaffirms the Anglo-Polish political and military co-operation on a new basis.

The agreement reaffirms the alliance and the necessity to continue the struggle for final victory and forms solid foundations for the establishment of a Polish army in Britain.—Reuter.

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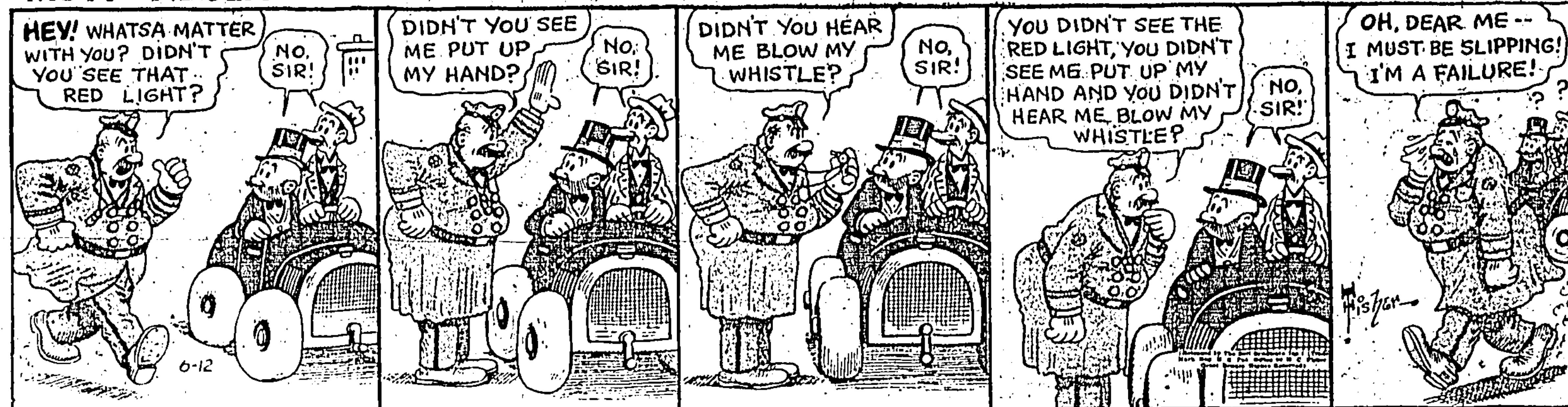
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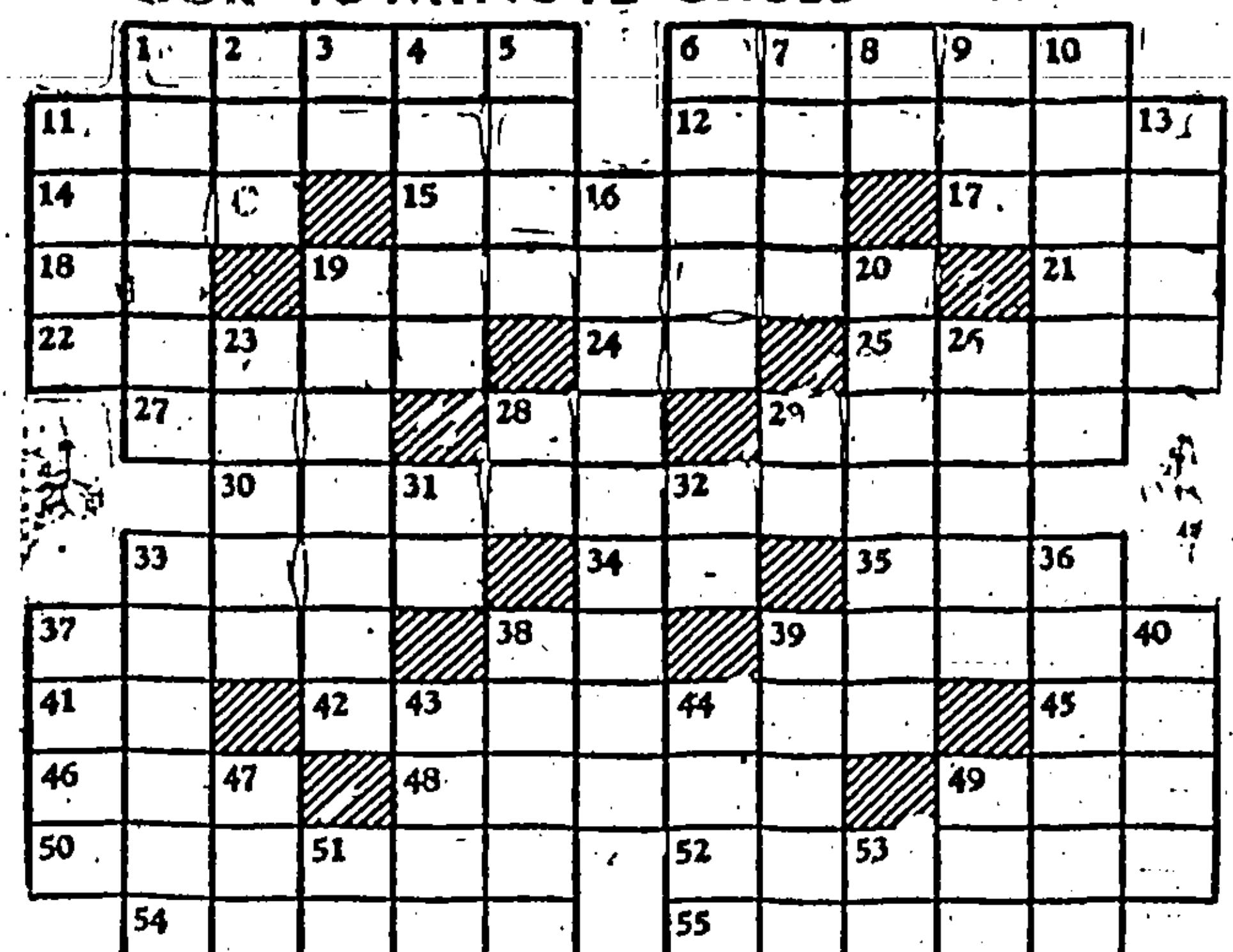
BRITAIN SHOWS HER SEA POWER

The free passage of ships between Britain and the New World is shown by the fact that Britain is importing from the Argentine not only the full contract quota of frozen beef and mutton but has also taken over the French contract as well.

Proof of her ability to maintain sea routes in the Mediterranean is commented on in the Cairo press, which points to the sinking of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni and predicts that Italian forces in Abyssinia, Libya, etc., will be isolated by Italy's inability to get reinforcements past the British blockade.

The Cairo press also points out that the arrival of a large British convoy last week is further proof of Italian failure to cut communications between the Eastern and Western Mediterranean.—Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Chief body organ
- 6 Mohammedan stringed instrument
- 11 Frankness
- 12 Spanish dispatch-boats
- 14 South American language
- 15 To sew loosely
- 17 Guido's high note
- 18 Hypothetical force
- 19 Bells gently
- 21 Printer's measure
- 22 Prime number
- 24 Bone
- 25 To repel
- 27 Malay gibbons
- 29 Proposition
- 30 Amusing
- 33 Drinking utensils
- 34 Hebrew name for God
- 35 Faucet
- 37 Woody plant
- 38 Conjunction
- 39 Affray
- 41 Indo-Chinese language

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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RECOGNITION OF CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT

IN A SHORT BROADCAST from London yesterday the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. R. A. Butler, spoke of the British decision to recognise the Czechoslovak Provisional Government established in London.

This Government, Mr. Butler said, was presided over by Dr. Benes and composed of distinguished men who had held high office under the Czechoslovak Republic.

Some of them had been members of the present German puppet administration who preferred to give up office and risk their lives to join their compatriots abroad and so work for the restoration of Czechoslovakian liberties.

After tracing the efforts of Czechoslovak leaders to prepare for the restoration of freedom to their country, Mr. Butler paid high tribute to the Czechoslovakian forces which, he said, once again refused to accept defeat but had fought their way to the Mediterranean and had come to Britain after a risky journey by sea.

Trained Men

These trained men, he continued, together with Czech pilots from the Czechoslovak sections

of the French air force, were now ready to carry on the struggle side by side with their British comrades.

Remarking that Czech pilots had already carried the war in the air back to Germany, Mr. Butler added: "We trust that before long they will pay not flying visits to Germany but will take up permanent residence again in their own freed country."

Speaking of conditions inside Czechoslovakia, Mr. Butler praised the bravery of the students in the ill-fated manifestation last November and said the qualities of obstinacy and cool courage were still being displayed in resisting their German masters.

"Every day," he added, "despite the elaborate brutal machinery of German repression, these countless and often unrecorded acts of resistance to the will of the German taskmaster."

Czech Independence

Although there were many problems and it was impossible to say what might be the political boundaries of Central Europe after the war, Mr. Butler said none should question the right of the Czechoslovakian people to a free and independent existence. They had provided an attractive and lively model of what a Democratic Government can do for its people and they will again be a source of inspiration to all who favour government by the people for the people.—British Wireless.

LOYALTY TO EMPIRE

The New York Greek newspaper, "Daily Atlantis," said yesterday that Greeks settled in Canada have repeatedly expressed devotion and love for the institutions of Canada and have contributed always to the work of the Canadian Government in time of peace as well as in time of war and for a just reason.

The fate of the country in which they have established themselves and made their homes is also the fate of their own children. Its safety, prosperity and troubles are its own.

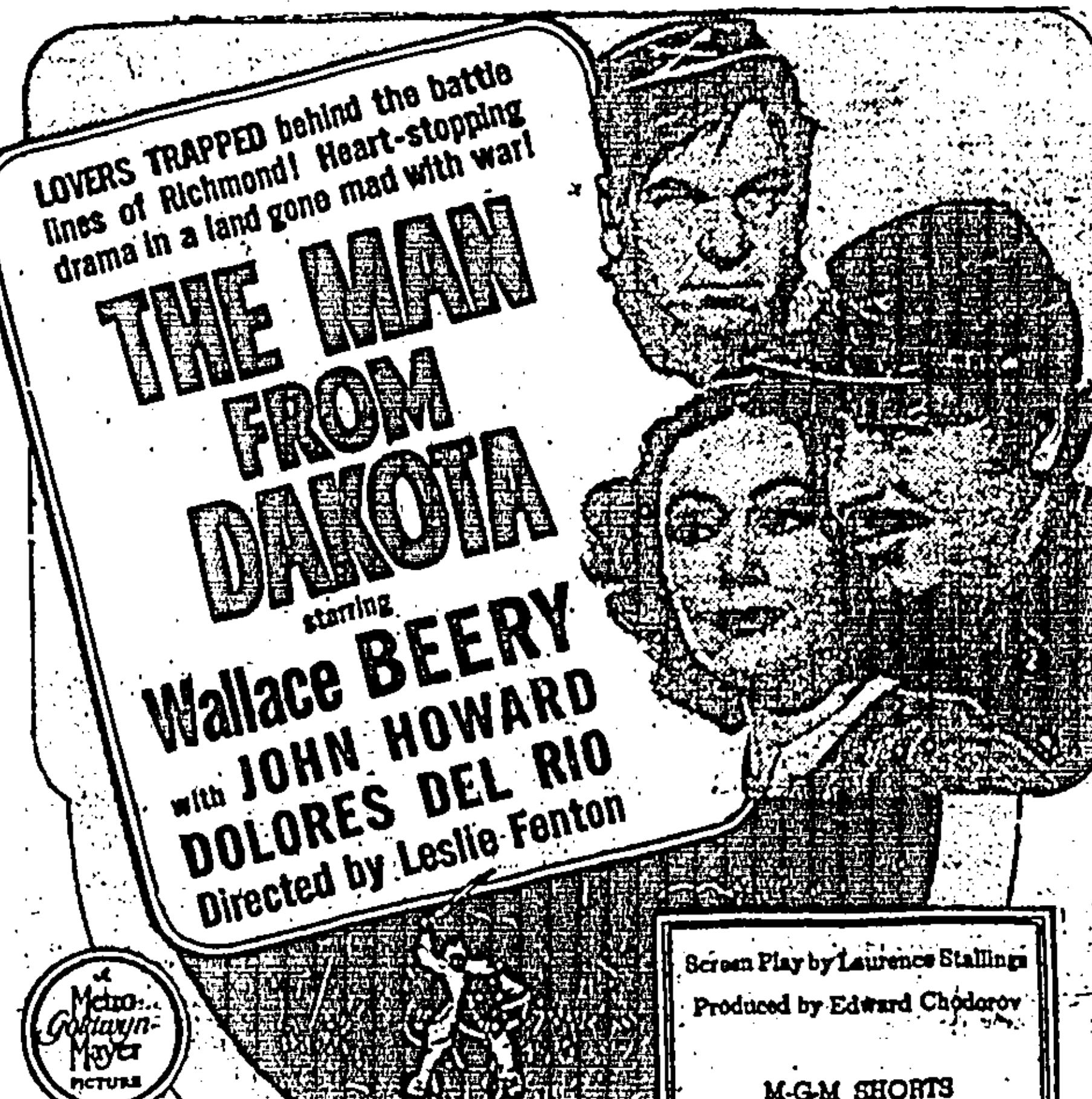
Thus they have not failed, during these hard times, when Canada fights with Great Britain against the totalitarian states. All are ready to sustain any sacrifice for the success of the struggle.—Reuter.

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ACTION IN NORTH SEA AND CHANNEL

TWO EXCITING "NAVAL" ACTIONS TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY, ONE IN THE NORTH SEA AND THE OTHER IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL INTO WHICH A FLOTILLA OF GERMAN MOTOR-TORPEDO-BOATS HAD VENTURED.

The action in the North Sea was between German surface craft and British torpedo-carrying planes of the Fleet Air Arm. It was interesting inasmuch as the German movements were suggestive of some activity in connection with Hitler's plans of invasion.

An Admiralty communiqué issued last night states that German auxiliary with a naval escort was located in the eastern part of the North Sea during Tuesday night.

In the early hours of yesterday morning, this force was attacked with torpedoes by Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm.

One German naval unit, an escort vessel of the Koniglin Luise type was hit by a torpedo. All our aircraft returned.

M.T.B. "Clash"

Later, in the course of a patrol in the English Channel early yesterday morning, one of our motor-torpedo-boats sighted and engaged six enemy M.T.B.s.

The enemy made off at high speed and escaped in the darkness. One enemy boat had its searchlight put out of action and it is thought that casualties were inflicted in another.

Our M.T.B. received no damage or casualties.—Reuter.

Keeping Up Morale?

A German Command communiqué claims that a convoy of five merchant ships totalling 17,000 tons has been sunk by German fighters and another of 4,000 tons set afire.—Reuter.

OUR NEW MILITARY GOVERNOR

It was officially learned this morning that Major-General E. F. Norton, the new Acting Governor, will be arriving in the Colony about the end of the month.

It had been suggested that he might be arriving from Bangkok to-day by plane, but he has apparently decided otherwise.

It is understood that on taking up his appointment here, Major-General will assume the acting rank of Lieutenant-General.

HUSH-HUSH ON ABYSSINIA

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether he was able to make a statement about the situation in Abyssinia and the position of Emperor Haile Selassie, Mr. R. A. Butler said: "The Emperor of Abyssinia has returned to Africa. As regards the situation in Ethiopia it would be premature to make any statement at the present time."—British Wireless.

ITALIAN CRUISER'S CAPTAIN DIES

The wounded captain of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni, sunk a few days ago by H.M.A.S. Sydney, has died on board a British hospital ship in Alexandria.

He has been buried with full honours in the British military cemetery, British naval officers and ratings being present.—Reuter.

GERMAN CANARD

The Air Ministry made a categorical statement yesterday denying that air attacks had been carried out by the R.A.F. on French aerodromes in Syria. German allegations to this effect are a complete invention.—British Wireless.

LLOYD GEORGE'S POLICY

THE PERSISTENCE WITH WHICH GERMAN AND GERMAN INSPIRED BROADCASTS ENDEAVOUR TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT MR. LLOYD GEORGE IS WORKING FOR THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT BY ONE WHICH WILL SEEK PEACE FROM THE AXIS, IS SURPRISING IN VIEW OF THE OBVIOUS REFUTATION PROVIDED BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S OWN ARTICLES WHICH ARE REPRODUCED IN MANY PAPERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

One appearing in a London newspaper last Sunday shows that the thoughts of this veteran statesman are turned rather towards eventual victory for Britain over the Axis powers and express profound belief in the stability of the British character and the steadfastness of a people who are united in determination to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion in order that the ideals of freedom and good faith may be restored to Europe.

Mr. Lloyd George's tribute to the energy of the present Government carries greater weight from the fact that he has never lacked the courage to express his views and advocate the adoption of his opinions at times when they were unpopular or contrary to official views.—British Wireless.

PRO-ALLY MESSAGE FROM ARGENTINA

The Prime Minister has received a message from Don Carlos Alberto Pueyrredon, President of the Pro-Ally Committee in Buenos Aires, expressing the confidence in British victory felt by Argentine sympathisers with the Allied cause.

The message has given much pleasure in London, where great value is placed upon the deep understanding of the issues underlying the present struggle which is known to exist among the thoughtful and well-informed, as well as the instinctive sympathy which is so widespread, in the Argentine and other South American States and which are manifest again in this timely declaration of solidarity of influential personages in the Argentine.

The sympathy upon which the British people feel they can rely wherever freedom is cherished and the ideals of peace, progress, justice and welfare are honoured, is indeed an important factor in fortifying their determination.—British Wireless.

WHERE IS THE BELGIAN CABINET?

Asked in the Commons yesterday whether he was able to state the composition and status and present situation of the Belgian Government, the Foreign Secretary said as far as he was aware there had been no change in composition since May 10 and there had been no change in status since it assumed by decree on May 28 the sovereign powers of the King.

The Ministers, Mr. Butler added, are believed to be in unoccupied France with the exception of the Ministers of Colonies and Health.—British Wireless.

NEWSPAPERS IN EMERGENCY

The Minister of Information, the Rt. Hon. Alfred Duff-Cooper, was asked in Parliament yesterday whether any arrangements had been made in the event of any region of Britain being cut off during an enemy invasion, to secure the distribution of newspapers on the widest possible scale.

Mr. Duff-Cooper replied that he understood that adequate arrangements had been made by both national and provincial newspapers on their own account to secure their distribution should such a period of emergency arise.—Reuter.

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TREACHERY

There is one disconcerting element in the present war which is not readily accounted for—the element of treachery. The word indicates something more than "fifth column" activity, for among the "fifth columns" are many Germans who, whatever their crimes and however deeply they have abused the hospitality of the invaded country, are at least not betraying their own country.

Harder to understand is the state of mind of considerable numbers of people in Norway, Holland, Belgium and France and possibly other countries, who have aided in their own Nation's ruin. They have revealed themselves as so numerous that every threatened country is forced to take drastic measures to deal with the enemy within. The circumstances, as Sir John Anderson explained to Parliament on Tuesday, compels action on so drastic a scale as to make mistakes unavoidable.

How to explain this peculiarly ugly feature of the present war? Bribery alone is insufficient to account for it. So many people are made to act contrary to their natural loyalties and to face ignominy and peril that other explanations are needed. Some day the roles of terrorism and mesmerism will be more fully explained.

But already it is clear that the minds of traitors have been tampered with in a more obvious way. The mental infection of totalitarianism has assailed their understanding and made them blind to the normal conceptions of patriotism and honour.

A poison has spread from its breeding places in the dictatorships to other countries and people of other races. We are back at the ideological war which began as Fascist or Nazi versus Communist, though the more real distinction was between despotism and democracy.

Nazism, with all the characteristics it has acquired, has become a way of life or habit of mind which the democrat cannot but think of as a mental corruption. The non-German who succumbs to it may think that he is transcending the limits of nationalism; in which case, when he becomes a traitor, he is doubly deceived, first, by the nature of the creed he adopts, and second by German associates, who are intensely nationalist and respecters of no war is waged.



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"I GAVE YOU A NICE PLACARD IN EXCHANGE, DIDN'T I?"

Turkey Takes Her Stand

"Nazi propaganda," writes the *Daily Telegraph*, "is making a determined effort to sow mischief between Turkey and Russia, and a whispering campaign alleges a Russian demand for control of the Straits."

Turkey's strategic position in regard to the Dardanelles has always been one of vital interest to the Mediterranean powers as well as to Russia and Turkey herself; so that it is not surprising that German propaganda should try to use this as a means of creating discord between Russia and Turkey.

Turkey was Germany's ally during the last World War—the causes which led her to throw in her lot with that country at that time cannot be examined now, nor do they have much bearing on the present situation. Turkey is now an ally of Great Britain, though a non-belligerent one and her desire to remain neutral has undoubtedly had a steady effect on Near Eastern affairs.

Whether this attitude can be maintained has yet to be seen, as Germany, anxious to distract Russia's attention from the Balkans, is seeking to interest her in Turkey with particular emphasis on the Straits. The *Daily Telegraph* is however, of the opinion that Turkey will be able to withstand the insidious campaign now being waged against her and that "she intends to remain inflexibly loyal to her British alliance, which is a sure bulwark against the Axis design on her independence and integrity."

Turkey's loyalty has already been proved and her indomitable spirit, shown so strikingly after the last great war, brought her with flying colours through a very difficult period in her history. Turkey indeed was the only defeated country after the war of 1914-18, who was able to retain her original frontiers and even, in some directions, to extend them.

Thanks to Mustapha Kemal's strong leadership at that time Turkey was able, in a manner little short of miraculous, not only to revolutionise her entire social and economic structure, but to reorganize a very efficient

army from wandering groups of disbanded soldiers in a matter of months. Perhaps some lessons could be learned from the split shown by the Turks during this period. Threatened with dismemberment they fought valiantly to retain their entity. A French force, seeking to annex part of Southern Anatolia in 1920 was completely defeated at Marash in Cilicia, and Italy, impressed by the strength of Mustapha Kemal's army, came quickly to the conclusion that her proposed annexation of Southern Anatolia would prove to be a

very prickly proposition. She thereupon retired from the field, leaving Turkey mistress of the situation and in a position to command concessions in the final distribution of territories at the conclusion of peace terms.

The Treaty of Lausanne, signed July 24th, 1923, which formally registered the triumph of Turkish arms recovered for Turkey all the territory which had been taken away by the Treaty of Sevres for the benefit of Greece and Armenia. At the same time, the three Powers—Britain, France and Italy—submitted their Straits zone, which the Turks, however, undertook to demilitarize.

The history of Turkey up to 1935 was peaceful, Mustapha Kemal occupying his time in

consolidating the many social and constitutional reforms he had introduced. The failure of the sanctions imposed upon Italy and her victory in Abyssinia combined with Germany's unilateral denunciation of the Locarno Pact and military reoccupation of the Rhineland gave Turkey, however, a sense of insecurity and led her to demand a revision of the clauses in the Lausanne Treaty which bound her to a demilitarization of the Straits zone.

Russia supported her in her claim. To Russia the "freedom of the Straits" means that a strong hostile fleet might at any time penetrate into the Black Sea—this view of the situation may make Germany's desire to interest Russia in Turkey to-day less attractive precisely on this score. At all events, Russia, who has maintained good relations with Turkey ever since the Revolution when their forces successfully attacked Armenia, was well satisfied to see Turkey once more installed as armed door-keeper of the Dardanelles.

It is to the credit of Turkey that, instead of following Hitler's example, and re-occupying without leave, she preferred to have recourse to conference. The Treaty of Montreux followed in June, 1936, giving Turkey her dues.

Turkey's position to-day, is not altogether an enviable one. She has tried to uphold the neutrality of the Balkans and has resisted pressure to close the Straits to Britain's warships. She has also steadily maintained her former friendly relationships with Russia and has declared that she cannot visualise any discord between them that would disturb the *status quo*.

The Balkans, however, now find themselves obliged to bow before German demands; Rumania has ceded large tracts of land to Russia while Italy's presence in the strongly fortified Dodecanese Islands could be a menace. But it is not with Germany or Italy that the final outcome of the present situation lies. In spite of Germany's vaunted power—Italy no longer counts in the political structure of the Balkans—she cannot exercise any great influence on Russia in this connection. Russia has shown herself capable of playing her own hand irrespectively of German wishes, as shown by her march into Rumania which was a direct blow to German prestige in that country.

Any disturbance of the *status quo* in Turkey is not likely to be undertaken at the behest of Germany, even though the latter, apprehensive of her very independent neighbour, is feverishly trying to safeguard her oil supplies from Rumania by every inducement she can think of.

Advantage In Defence

Prior to the appalling events of recent weeks the general public, and to a certain extent the leaders of the Allied armies, had been hypnotised by the doctrine that defence in modern warfare had secured mastery over attack. Are we now in danger of running to the other extreme and of believing that no defence can withstand the onslaughts of heavy tanks and bombing aircraft? That belief would be as dangerous as overconfidence in defence alone.

On the Allied side the successful retreat to Dunkirk of an army attacked by overwhelming numbers and by the most formidable offensive weapons was proof of the power of defence. Incidentally, in the course of that retreat it was proved that neither heavy tanks nor bombing aircraft were invincible when the moral effect of their onslaught had lost some of its potency.

OUR OFFENSIVE SPIRIT

In this country, off land at least, we are compelled to stand on the defensive, but the enemy is limited in the offensive weapons he can bring against us, and we have been neglected.

Where the defence holds gallantly on it provides a pivot for the manoeuvre and concentrated power of counter-offensive action. Even small bodies that may temporarily be hard pressed or surrounded make a great contribution to the issue by immobilising the enemy which is engaging them. This particularly applies to partly trained troops who have little experience of manoeuvre.

Far be it from me, however, to deprecate the offensive spirit, even in the least fully trained troops. As against a small and little armed airborne enemy rapid and bold offensive action should be instinctive.

If we have a proper appreciation of both offensive and defensive potentialities, and avoid obsession with exaggerated belief in either, the threat of invasion becomes less alarming, provided adequate precautions have not



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"VICTORY WILL REST NOT WITH THE BRAGGING MIMICS OF THE DEAD PAST, BUT WITH THE PIONEERS OF THE FUTURE."

Thus Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Minister of Health, in an inspiring speech at a luncheon in London yesterday, when he denounced dictatorship and tyranny as one of the oldest and most disastrous systems of Government.

Mr. MacDonald began his speech with an outline of the work of the Ministry of Health in connection with air raids, and went on:

"If I could choose the moment when I would most wish to be alive in the long unending future, I would choose the few days of the weeks hence, whenever the time comes, that the enemy strikes with his maximum force against this island. Of course we shall suffer.

To Small Pieces

"It may be for a short time, it may be for a long time, but the result, we shall so sink their ships, so slay their invaders, so tear their aeroplanes from the sacred sky above our homes, that we shall turn the tide of war.

"Hitler has claimed that he and his regime represent something young and vital but dictatorship and tyranny are the oldest and most disastrous forms of government.

"It is we of the British Commonwealth who stand as the representative of the new and liberating political forces of mankind. Victory will rest not with the bragging mimics of the dead past.—Reuter.

CHINA REJECTS PRO-AXIS RESOLUTION

WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN CHUNGKING STATED YESTERDAY THAT THE PROPOSAL BY CERTAIN CHINESE LEADERS THAT CHINA SHOULD ENTER INTO CLOSER RELATIONS WITH GERMANY AND ITALY HAS BEEN FIRMLY REJECTED.

Majority of the leaders were present when the proposal was made at a recent meeting and voted for continuance of the Government's policy of placing hope in the United States and Russia for assistance in the war against Japan while maintaining friendly relations with Britain, France, Germany and Italy.—Reuter.

HUGE FIRE AT CHENGDU

Huge fires are raging in Chengdu as the result of yesterday's Japanese air raid on the city.

The attack was carried out by two flights of bombers. The first flight raided the outskirts of the city while the second bombed Chengdu city itself.—Reuter.

"TWILIGHT OF THE GODS"

Listeners all over the world chuckled yesterday when the Daventry news announcer finished reading the news by saying:

"Oh, and last night Hitler attended a performance of Wagner's opera 'The Twilight of the Gods.' That is the end of the news!"—Reuter.

MRS. ROOSEVELT ON JAPAN

Writing in her daily newspaper column yesterday, Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the President, urged the United States to encourage the growth of economic security in China.

"I suppose for many people the question of closing the Burma road for three months seems rather an academic question," she says.

"Yet when a nation is cut off from its ports, its one source of connexion with the outside world must seem rather important to that nation.

"In a minor way Japan is doing to China what some day a combination of nations might do to us.

"It may sound very selfish but from the point of view of our own interest, would it not be wise to encourage the growth of economic security in China?

"I realise the needs of Japan. I am all for peaceful trade with Japan, but somehow it seems to me that this spread of war all over the world must be stopped, and the best way to do so, in the Far East would be to build up economic security."—Reuter.

CORVETTES FROM CANADA

Canada's latest contribution to the war effort consists of the building of vessels to be known as "corvettes," which will be used for patrol purposes.

Corvettes were originally vessels similar to, but smaller than, the frigate. In the United States, they were known as sloops-of-war.

They will be named after towns in Canada, just as the other Canadian warships are named after Canadian rivers.—Reuter.

GERMANS LEAVE RUMANIA

Between 75,000 and 80,000 Germans from Bessarabia and northern Bukovina, districts of Rumania seized by the Soviet, are being resettled in Germany, according to the "Dienst Auf Deutschland" in Berlin yesterday.

The newspaper says they are descendants of Germans from East Prussia and southern Germany who settled there about a century ago.—Reuter.

BRITISH DIPLOMAT STILL A PRISONER

Asked in the Commons yesterday about the British Ambassador in Brussels, who was arrested by the Germans, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said negotiations were in progress for the release of Sir Lancelot Oliphant but he could not say how long they might continue.—British Wireless.

ALL-AMERICAN LONDON LEGION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The All-American Legion of volunteers armed with tommy-guns and hand-grenades and motorised with motor-cars, was officially recognised by the British Government yesterday.

Organised by a military inventor and commanded by a Brigadier-General who was on General Pershing's staff in the last World War, it was proved so popular that it is expected that additional recruiting centres for American volunteers will be set up in Canada.—Havas.

BIG ORDER OBTAINED FOR LANCASHIRE

The Board of Trade announced in London yesterday that under the guidance of the Cotton Board established by the Board of Trade, Lancashire cotton mills have secured orders from a consortium of buyers in the Dutch East Indies for cambrics totalling 22,000,000 square yards.

Delivery will begin shortly and the mills concerned will be engaged on this order up to the end of the year.

It is believed the total value of the business amounts to more than £500,000, representing one of the largest single transactions put through by Lancashire firms.

The announcement adds it is felt the industry's achievement in securing the present order augurs well for the success of the new system of export syndicates which the Cotton Board announced recently.

The principle underlying the syndicates is that spinners, weavers, finishers and merchants concerned with particular types of cloth should jointly make efforts necessary to ensure quality, delivery and other conditions essential to success in export markets.—Reuter.

BEER DUTY EXPLANATION

It was revealed this morning that if it is the intention of Government to increase the duties on liquors, as was suggested by the Order prohibiting abnormal withdrawals from bond, action will be taken later.

The resolution to be submitted to Legislative Council to-day is a formal matter connected with law revision, and not with fiscal policy.

The report yesterday that the preference of 10 cents a gallon to locally-manufactured beer was being withdrawn was inaccurate, the mistake arising from a change in the order of the Government schedule and changes in the official description of "beers" and "all other beers," made in the course of law revision for clarification purposes.

For the moment, no plans for changes in duties have reached the stage of formal resolution.

Emergencies Cost Colony Four Million Dollars Last Year

CONSCRIPTION PROPOSALS IN INDIA

The compulsory principle for the recruitment of European-born British subjects in India for work of national importance is embodied in an Ordinance being issued in Simla to-day.

Domiciled Europeans are not affected by the Ordinance which provides for service in the armed forces or in a civilian capacity.

Apart from the element of compulsion, no radical change is made in existing procedure as laid down in the National Service Bill passed by the Central Assembly last April.

Tribunals are to be established to hear appeals in regard to availability and other questions. Provision is also made for conscientious objectors who will be liable for civilian service only. — Reuter.

CONVOY SYSTEM WORKING

The Baltimore "Sun," declared in an editorial yesterday that the British convoy system for merchant ships is working, and Baltimore ship operators say that if England is starving why don't her ships load foodstuffs instead of industrial materials?

Shipping men in Baltimore pointed out that freighters from Britain are now loading there in spite of German U-boats and bombing aircraft; they are in much better shape than six months ago and are camouflaged and armed . . . thus British ships on the high seas are convoyed through the sore spots of the Atlantic and reach Baltimore for cargoes and go again.

Now and then a merchant vessel steps from its role and accounts successfully for an air or sea raider.—Reuter.

The Deadly Attacks of STOMACH ACID

That feeling of discomfort you get after meal—is it as trivial as you think, or is it a warning of worse to come? That is often how the most agonising stomach disorders begin. It is just the result of too much acid in the stomach. Easily put right, but unless you do put it right, an insidious attack begins on the delicate digestive organs. Increasing pain and heart-rending difficulties in eating soon make life a misery, and finally the dreaded gastric or duodenal ulcer may appear.

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THAT NEARLY \$4,000,000 WAS SPENT IN MEETING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS DURING 1939 IS REVEALED IN THE COLONY'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1939 LAID ON THE TABLE IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON.

Nearly \$650,000 was spent in combatting epidemics, nearly \$600,000 in relief of refugees, \$273,000 on other items due to Sino-Japanese hostilities, and \$2,489,000 on Hong Kong defence and war expenditure.

With these extraordinary items, total expenditure only exceeded the estimate by \$191,893. Actually supplementary votes for \$6,584,000 were approved in the year, but there were very substantial savings as an offset.

The outstanding feature of the year was a large increase in revenue. The Estimates provided for a deficit of \$1,659,898, revenue being put at \$36,097,325 (including \$839,704 transferred from the Government House and City Development Fund) and expenditure at \$37,757,223. The actual revenue was \$41,478,052, thus exceeding the estimate by \$5,380,727, and the actual expenditure was \$37,949,116, thus exceeding the estimate by \$191,893. The surplus of assets on 31st December, 1939, was \$17,091,170, which may be compared with a figure of \$11,867,025 which was contemplated as probable at the time when the 1939 Estimates were originally prepared.

Higher Duties

Higher duties were imposed in October on liquors of non-Empire origin and on light oils but apart from this the increase in revenue was almost wholly due to the special conditions arising out of the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The special activity in trade, due to the diversion of a much increased proportion of China's trade to Hong Kong, continued throughout the year and the increase of the Colony's population owing to the influx of refugees was maintained. Most of the principal sources of revenue show substantial increases.

The number of vacant tenements was practically nil and owing to an increase in the number of buildings and higher rents the receipts from rates were considerably higher than in 1938. Liquor, tobacco and light oil duties show large increases and many other items, such as opium sales, stamp duties and royalties payable by transport companies, which are affected by the magnitude of the population, rose correspondingly. The continued demand for building sites for housing and industrial projects was reflected in very high receipts from land sales. — Reuter.

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PENSIONS FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

THE MINISTRY OF Pensions yesterday issued in London an amended scheme of compensation for physical injury sustained by civilians as a direct result of warlike operations, Reuter announces.

The effect of these amendments is to insure the whole civil population against injury caused by air raids or invasion if they were gainfully employed at that time.

The new scheme increases the allowances and pensions to meet the rise in the cost of living.

A married man with two children will now receive £3.11s. a week if he is totally disabled.

Already 127 pensions have been granted under the scheme either for serious disablement or to widows.

The Ministry states that it deals expeditiously with pensions and in one case the widow of an air raid warden who died on

COLONIAL GIFTS TOTAL LARGE SUM

Since the outbreak of war a large number of generous and valuable gifts both in cash and kind have been made by colonial Governments and private individuals and organisations both to His Majesty's Government for the prosecution of the war and to various war charities, stated Mr. G. H. Hall, Under-Secretary for the Colonies in reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Cash gifts, including loans free of interest but not including gifts in kind, amounted, he said, to over nine and a quarter millions sterling.—Reuter.

Note. The list of these gifts is very long and includes money gifts from colonial governments and individuals previously mentioned in Reuter services.

Among items not previously recorded are over 20,000 bottles of rum for His Majesty's forces, from the Jamaica Central War Assistance Committee; and 32 shillings from the Swahili community of Eldama Ravine, Kenya.

Tanganyika tribes have presented money and in some instances a proportion of each person's harvest of coffee and maize for the use of the King's African Rifles.

The inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha have sent a large parcel of woollen comforts made by themselves.

Chiefs' Gifts

The chiefs of the Northern Province of Nigeria are making a voluntary contribution of 5 per cent. of their salaries but it is noteworthy that an offer of £200 by or on the native administration of Calabar Province, Nigeria, was declined by the Government in view of the local financial situation.

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DESTITUTE TO BE DEPORTED

Fu Lau, 20, unemployed, was ordered to be deported from the Colony as a destitute by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when convicted of stealing a handbag from a Chinese woman, Tong Shu-chun, in Old Bailey, yesterday.

Acting Sub-Inspector Byron prosecuted.

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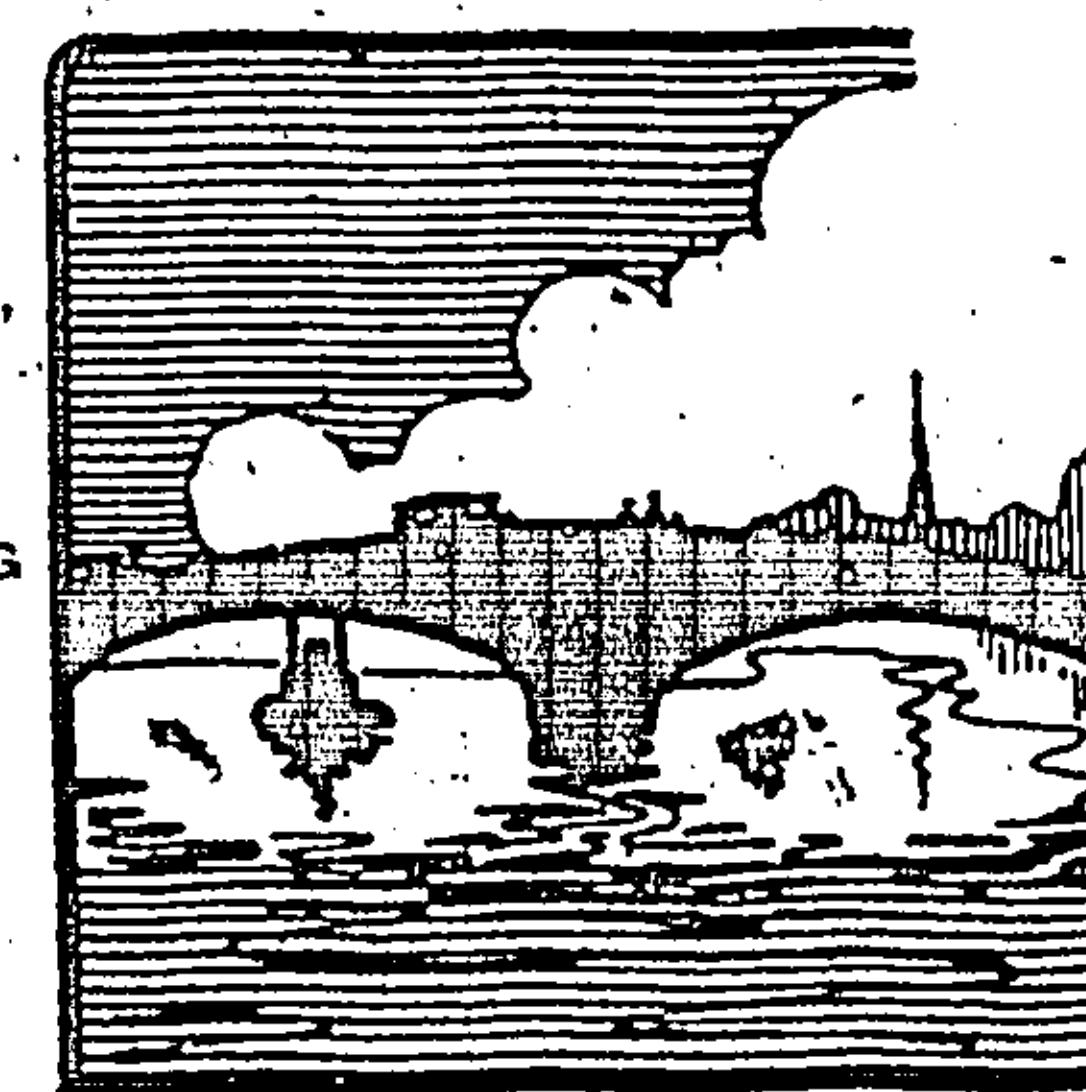
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♦ K 10 9 5	♣ K 10 8
♦ Q J 8	♦ 7 4 3 2
♦ 6 2	♦ 7 6 4 3
♦ A K J	♦ 10 6 3 2
♦ Q J 8	♦ A Q 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the seven of hearts, East winning with the Ace and continuing with the Queen. East then shifted to the ten of spades, but South won and knocked out the Ace of diamonds. West could take his heart King, but Declarer easily won the rest.

The murder has been perpetrated right in front of your eyes! Get out the bloodhounds and take up the trail before reading the solution.

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This play, it is true, might give South an undeserved heart trick if he started with only three to the ten but it practically assures the defeat of the contract even then. Moreover it takes care of the actual situation—a doubleton Ace-Queen in the East hand.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♦ K 10 8	♥ K 7 5
♦ 9 7 5 3	♦ A Q 4

The bidding:

Declarer	Jacoby	Tea	Wales
1♥	2♦	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. Despite the high-card strength of the hand (H.C.V. of 8) the dis-



"Time may heal all things," says Jilted Jerry, "but it certainly goes into slow motion when it comes to mending broken hearts."

tribution is too poor for any stronger bid.

Score 100% for two hearts, 60% for three hearts, 20% for double.

QUESTION NO. 471

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♦ A 6 2	♥ A Q J 9 4
♦ 2	♦ 10 8 6 5

The bidding:
South Jacoby Burnstone Wales
1♥ 2♦ (?)

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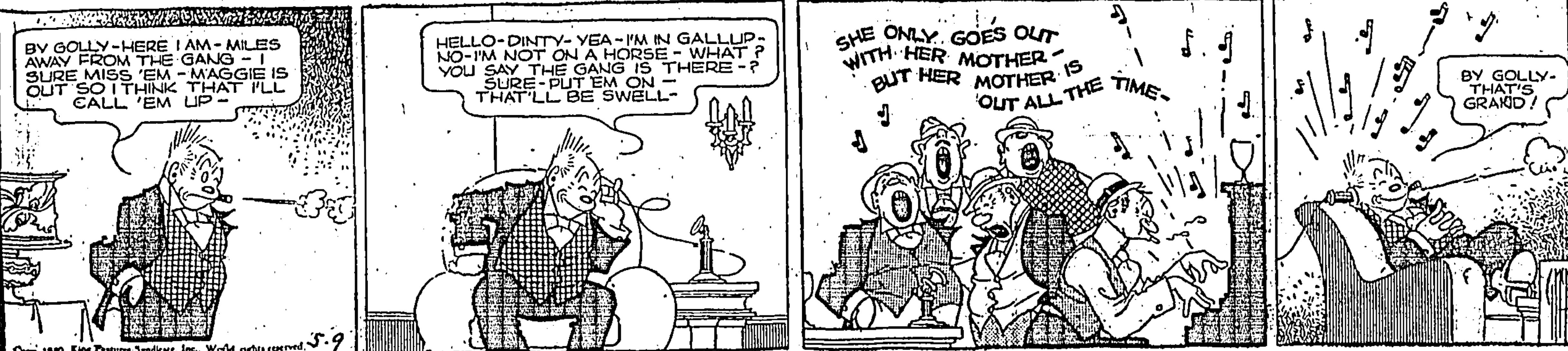
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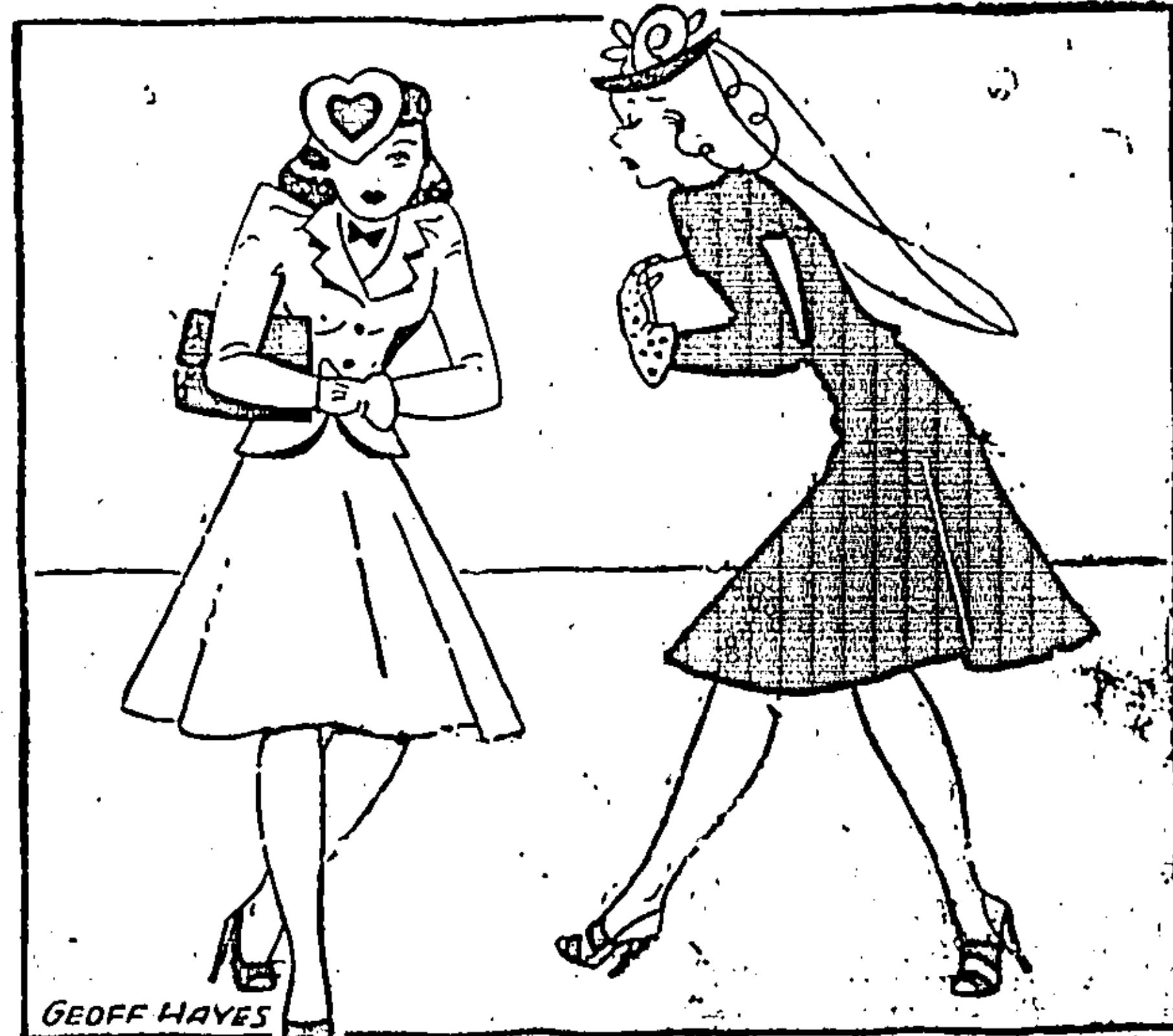
Poor Walking Posture Destroys Beauty

You may be pretty satisfied with your figure as you stand surveying it in your bedroom mirror, but it may have nice proportions and firm curves. But all its beauty will be lost to the eyes of others if you carry yourself in a huddled or slouched position as you walk. Sometimes catch a glimpse of yourself in a shop window. Are you bending forward from the waist? Are your shoulders hunched to give you balance. Does your head shoot forward ahead of your body? Does your derriere become more prominent and swing, as you toddle on too high heels?

It would be a very excellent idea for you to ask one of those sidewalk photographers to snap a side view of you as you walk down the avenue, instead of a front view. I can bet most of us would hide the snapshot of that view. Certainly only a small percent of us could proudly show it to others!

WATCH OTHERS

To see yourself as others see you, sit down in a crowded terminal and watch the women who hustle past you. Or take a walk down a main thoroughfare and with a critical eye notice every woman and girl as they walk toward you and past you. Some huddle forward as if an icy blast was congealing them. Others walk



How not to walk along the street.

with one side dropped inches below the level of the other side. Rounded shoulders and dowagers humps are far too prevalent and wide hips are the rule, rather than the exception.

I hope that one girl or woman walks past you who is well poised and carries herself in seemingly proud posture. Then you will notice how eyes appraise her. Her beauty is enhanced a hundred times. She may not have us pretty a face as you, but her poised appearance will make her seem more beautiful than any woman on the street!

HOW NOT TO WALK

Learn to carry your handbag by its strap, with an easy relaxed swing of your arm. Or tuck it under one arm, so your shoulders may be straight and your hand free. Don't clutch it to you as if it contained your life's savings and every passerby had designs on it!

Crossing your arms in front of you is another bad habit. Some women tuck their hands up the sleeves of their coats, bend over like a woman of ninety and shuffle along.

You must remember, while walking, that your body is a unit. Every muscle must coordinate to have balance and grace of movement, your arms should swing gently. To prove to yourself how important the upper part of your body is to good posture, walk with the palms of your hands turned outward. Feel your shoulders straighten and your head move into an erect position. This simple exercise is most efficient in correcting rounded shoulders and poor head posture.

Other signs of nervousness and other beauty-robbing characteristics could soon be corrected if young girls would teach themselves to desire good health instead of butting it. If they would only stop to think that lovely teeth, clear radiant skins, lustrous hair, sparkling personalities, prolonged youth are the rewards for keeping their physical condition up to par, they should not find good health too much of an effort.

Pride In Good Health

You can't beat it. Look around you and find the girls who are most successful and who have talent in one thing or another. They are not faddists, neglecting their meals and their bodies. They take pride in good health. They eat foods to give them energy, they exercise to keep pretty figures and clear complexions. They know that it takes hours of rest to keep minds alert and bodies full of vigour.

I don't know why it is that many young girls will be terribly interested in a new cream, a new lipstick or other beauty aids, and yet run when anyone wiser than themselves begins to talk about health. They seem to think they will find a miracle beauty aid which will slim them without effort and bring a radiance to their faces. The sillies!

Skin, hair, eyes, nails all depend upon the food given to the body as fuel. Poorly balanced meals, irregular eating hours, fried foods, heavy sauces, too many sweets, too many smokes, too many cocktails, rob any girl or woman of that fresh, arresting loveliness

which every woman desires. What you put into your body will show in your beauty—remember that.

Exercise helps good blood to supply beauty to your skin and hair and eyes. Rest restores your energy and gives you a fresh start for an active day.

The wisest girls—those who get places—usually have good sense. But they don't let good sense kill charm. They are what we term "well balanced." They see facts straight.

Is biting finger nails a pretty habit? No. Yet try to tell a victim of that habit that she should stop, and she resents it. The person who attempts to break her of the habit is only trying to help her be more lovely, more attractive to others. She should reason that.

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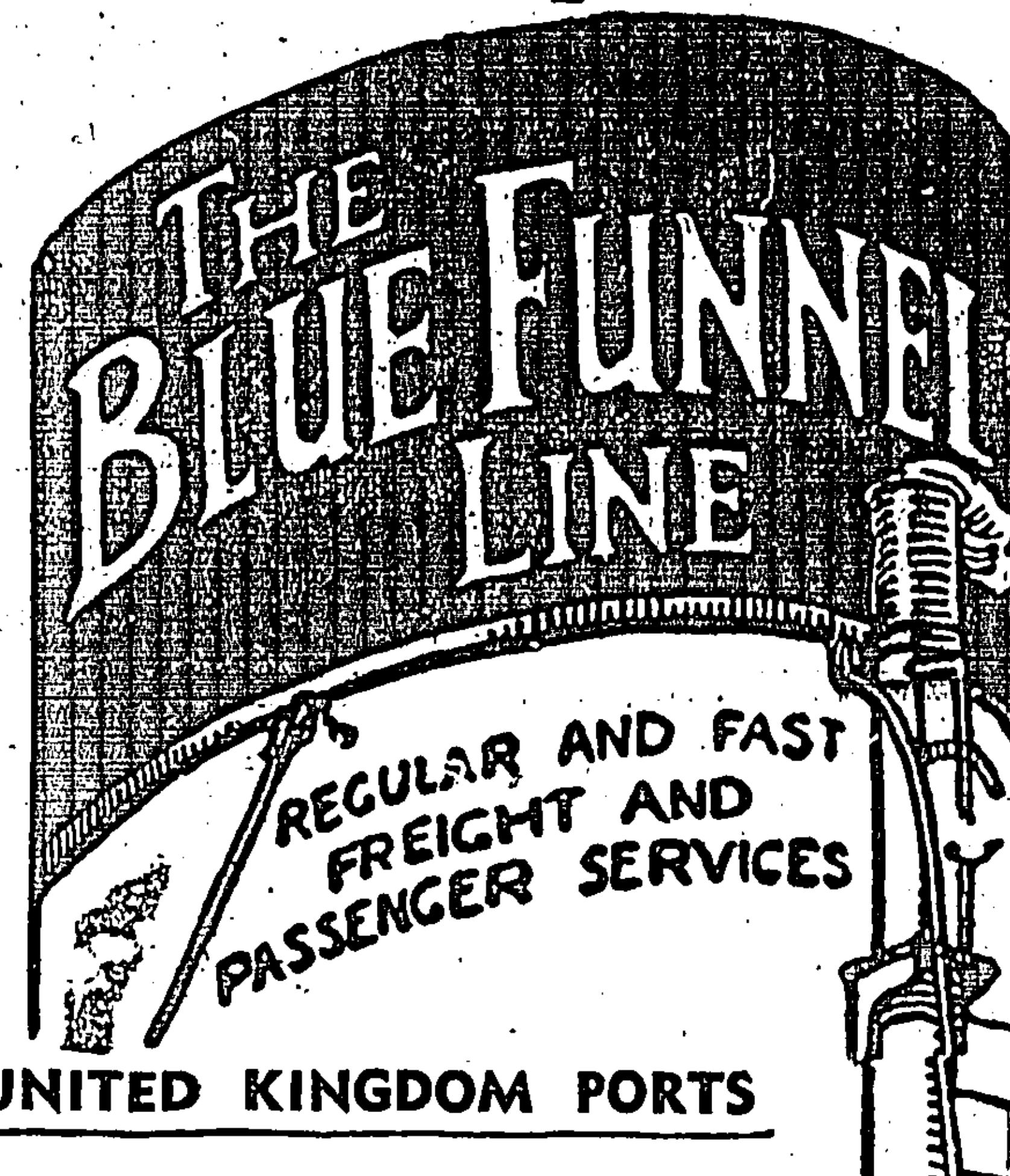
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(8) Are wives and families of members of the H.K.V.D.C. who are not of pure European descent to be evacuated?

Answer

8. Yes, if the occasion arises and if suitable arrangements can be made.

*(9) If so, when?**Answer*

9. When occasion arises.

*(10) If not, why not?**Answer*

10. The answer is given in the reply to question 13.

(11) Are British women and children who are not of pure European descent to be evacuated?

Answer

11. This cannot be guaranteed but what is possible will be done.

(12) If so, when?

12. When occasion arises.

*(13) If not, why not?**Answer*

13. There may be practical difficulties, such as a lack of shipping or difficulties in sending them to other territories.

Question Of Domicile

(14) If the answers to (8) and/or (11) are in the negative, should not Government have made an early statement accordingly, so that the many concerned might make their own arrangement?

Answer

14. Those who desired could make their own arrangements.

(15) Has Government any definite policy in regard to evacuation?

Answer

15. Yes, but that policy must necessarily vary according to circumstances.

(16) If so, will Government make a full and frank statement with regard thereto?

Answer

16. This answer must be understood in connection with the reply to question 15. In view of the present world situation, it has been considered necessary to remove from the Colony those women and children not normally domiciled here. Should the situation deteriorate, further measures may be applied. If so, the steps already taken will have greatly simplified the problem.

In a supplementary question to the reply to question 16, Sir Henry Pollock asked if the women sent to Manila were confined to those not domiciled here,

as the answer seemed to suggest

O.A.G. Makes Statement

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Officer Administering the Government—"I think perhaps others."

He went on to say that, in view of the criticisms in the local press, etc., he considered it desirable to make a short statement supplementary to the replies of the Colonial Secretary.

The decision lay with the War Cabinet in London. It would not be proper for him to discuss the steps leading up to the decision, but he could assure them that the Secretary of State for the Colonies was kept fully aware of the serious disturbance to the life of the Colony which would then arise and of other circumstances as they presented themselves to Mr. Smith.

The final order for the evacuation of women and children of pure European descent was received on the afternoon of June 29. A special meeting of the Executive Council was held the next morning; it approved the order for the compulsory evacuation, and the text of this is on the records.

As suitable shipping was available the following Friday, the evacuation committee got to work on the basis of the list of voluntary applicants for evacuation prepared in 1939 and since kept up to date.

Accommodation was not unlimited and the question of the compulsory registration of women was not enforced until July 6, with about two weeks' grace for all concerned.

All exemptions made by him on the first list and the names of those registered for the first time are at present under scrutiny.

Discrimination Charges

With regard to the allegations of racial discrimination, the War Cabinet instructions were based on the 1939 scheme, under which special treatment would be necessary for persons who are not really domiciled in Asia, and it had been hoped under that scheme that India, Macao, Indo-China and China itself would be the natural destination of the others.

Circumstances in recent months had greatly altered in this respect and he could assure Members that if further evacuation be ordered full consideration would be given by the Government to the claims of all races.

The evacuation already effected would, as the Colony Secretary had said, greatly facilitate such supplementary action.

He should perhaps make it clear that the secret print of the 1939 scheme was in the hands of the Secretary of State for the Colonies some months ago and was no doubt fully considered by His Majesty's Government when it reached its decision. That scheme contemplated a much more urgent evacuation than now exists. It was also recommended in that scheme that consideration be given to the families of volunteers, but this was apparently not considered applicable in the present circumstances.

Mr. Shields On Costs

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields expressed his astonishment that further reference should not be made to the question of expenditure, which loomed very largely in the minds of those whose wives and families had been sent away. A lot of people were grinning and bearing it, but with very little between them and sheer want.

He thought Government should make a clear statement about what it was doing for the evacuees. They were going to be asked in Finance Committee to pass a token vote of \$10,000, presumably only for a start, with little or no information about what it would be spent on or what the balance is likely to be.

He would like a statement at an early date reassuring the people both as regards payment of passages and their maintenance while away and until their return to the Colony.

The expense might fall on the Hong Kong or the Home Government, but if it fell on the Colonial Government he thought it

a fair statement to make to say that it was War Expenditure and could be well taken care of out of the funds raised by War Taxation.

His Excellency replied that he did not wish to commit himself at the moment but all these points had been given very careful consideration in the last day or two.

CHINESE WAR NEWSREELS

Two outstanding newsreels of the Sino-Japanese hostilities depicting the Chinese successes in Shansi and in Honan and Hupeh, have been completed by a group of cameramen sent her some time ago by the Central Studio, a report from Loyang to the "Chinese American Daily News" says. These newsreels were actually photographed on the battlefields and it is considered that they will constitute a priceless pictorial record of Chinese armed resistance against the Japanese invasion. They are now being sent to Chungking and it is reported that as soon as copies are made they will be sent to various cities to be shown to the public.

JAPANESE OPEN FIVE NEW FACTORIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Five Japanese factories have been completed in the eastern suburbs of Peiping and according to present reports will open in August. They are the North China Tobacco Factory, the Peiping Beer Factory, the Japan Wool Factory, the North China Medicine Manufacturing plant and the Peiping Steel Foundry.—Havas.

BRIGHTER TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was brighter yesterday. Prices were generally higher owing to the market's favourable reaction to the budget. Industrials were firm, with buyers predominating. Goldmines met with Cape and steady local support. Gilt-edged advanced after initial resistance, while Home Rairs continued steadily. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8. London Silver was quoted 22-3/8 for Spot and 22-1/16 for Forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$3.88/42.

KING'S PARK INCIDENT

Three Chinese alleged to have stolen a wrist watch from a 17-year-old American boy, Chester Lindt, of No 274, Matauwei Road, on July 17 in King's Park, were sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Accused were Leung Cheung, 20, Lai Chi, 24, and Shui Kim-hung, 19.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser said that at 4.45 p.m. on July 12 Lindt was riding a bicycle along a path leading to the Revolver Range. His friend, Albert Lazzero, was on another bicycle.

They stopped on the footpath next to the Club de Recreio and a Chinese boy, who was on the footpath started to cry.

Accused came down from the hillside and demanded that the cyclists buy candy for the child as they had made him cry.

Accused then caught hold of the two lads, and first accused took out a dinner knife with which he cut off complainant's watch.

They pawned the watch for \$14, and divided the money.

The Magistrate ordered the pawnshop to return complainant's watch on payment of \$7.

FIFTH COLUMN

From a report in the "Frankfurter Zeitung" about Germans abroad one gets an interesting glimpse of the activities of the Nazi "Fifth Column" in Europe. This newspaper describes the elaborate First-of-May celebrations of Germans in Stockholm and in Berne. From these descriptions it would appear that the Nazi Fifth Columns in Switzerland and in Sweden are strong organisations and are enjoying a great deal of freedom of activity in those countries.

BALTIC STATES: TREASURY ORDER

The Treasury has placed a ban on bankers making payments or transferring gold securities on instructions received from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania or any corporation controlled from these states, it was announced in London yesterday. — Reuter.

NOTICE

As from to-day's date Mr. C. J. Tacchi has taken over the duties of Hon. Secretary Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association from Mr. T. A. Pearce.

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Royal Artillery May Enter First Division Of The League

Sufficient Material Available

Filip To Army And Local Soccer Is Envisaged

By "Referee"

FOLLOWERS OF football in the Colony will be pleased to learn that Royal Artillery are contemplating entering a team in First Division of the Hong Kong Football League for the coming season.

It will be recalled that the Gunners have in the past supplied many outstanding footballers and Interporters, among whom were Allen, who represented the Colony against Shanghai, and Pardoe, captain and pivot for two years against Shanghai.

Last year, Guy of 30th R.A., represented Hong Kong both in Shanghai and Saigon, while in the previous year Calvert captained the Junior Interport team against Macao.

There is no doubt that a combined Artillery team would more than hold its own against the best in the Colony; for it is obvious that there is sufficient material from the various batteries to raise a useful side.

An Artillery team in First Division would greatly assist the finances of the Area Sports Board in that Army would benefit with the extra home game of the Artillery team.

The idea of entering an Artillery team in First Division has met with a mixed reception.

Those in favour argue that in entering such a team in First Division, the players would have more chance of securing representation for Army and other games, and this is singularly true. Guy would not have received his Interport caps if he had not been spotted in the closing stages of the season, whilst playing for Army.

Possible Players

Let us glance at the material available for the Artillery team from the players that were available last year. Minshull is as good a goalkeeper as many in the Colony and, in addition to him, we have Perdue, Heath and Hillare are two good half-backs and, in the absence of anyone better, should be able to hold their own against any First Division players.

Guy is the best known pivot at present among the Gunners, but there is no reason why another should not be unearthed.

In the forward line there is Brown, who is good, besides Aitkens and Owens, while Flanders, of 30th R.A., also merits consideration.

Those in close touch with the different batteries should be able to unearth players capable of giving very decent displays in First Division.

From the foregoing it is evident that there is no real reason why Combined Artillery should not be represented in First Division this season.

They have the choice of a greater range of players than the different battalion teams and Navy.

Those against the idea think that if the Artillery enter a team in First and Second Divisions of the Football League, only about 30 players at the most will be given a regular game each week, with the result that a vast number would be idle.

There are quite a number of Batteries who entered individual teams last season and this resulted in a large number of soldiers getting games.

There is no reason why all the Artillery Batteries should not affiliate to the Association as one club and enter in the First, Second and Third Divisions, as many teams as may be desired.

A Solution

In the past there have been clubs which have entered more than one team in a division and have named the different teams A and B, but there is no reason if there are more than two Artillery teams in a Junior Division why they should not be named after their respective Batteries.

In such a case there would be an Artillery team in First Divi-

sion; probably the 30th and 8th Batteries in Second Division, and the 24th, 36th, and 12th Batteries in Third Division.

Players from each of the batteries in the Junior Division could be promoted to the Senior Division without the formality of a transfer and the various batteries in the Junior team could still continue to run their own team.

The various Divisions of the League will not be decided upon till the meeting of the Management Committee, which will be held in a fortnight's time, and it is to be earnestly hoped that Royal Artillery will enter a team in First Division for the sake of their own players the Army and football in general.

K.C.C. BEAT GOVT. HOUSE

A Government House team led by Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith was entertained by the Kowloon Cricket Club at bowls yesterday. The match resulted in a win for the home team by 78 shots to 61.

E. Curtis, R. Wellwood, T. Madar, T. Carr beat W. Cornell, W. Lee, J. Smith, T. Robson 27-22.

F. A. Fabel, E. Abraham, L. Jack, J. Fraser beat W. Walker, N. L. Smith, I. Newton, J. Deakin 26-20.

C. J. Tacchi, W. Parsons, A. W. Ramsay, E. Kern beat J. H. Fraser, Sir Atholl MacGregor, S. H. Dodwell, A. L. Shields, 23-19.

Omars Beat Minus

The Omar brothers overwhelmed the Minu brothers in the pairs championship yesterday, winning 38-9. The Minus scored on only seven heads, five being singles, and were never in the race. The Omars made a seven and a five.

SING TAO DRAW THEIR FIRST MATCH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Sing Tao touring football team played their first match in Singapore yesterday against the Army before a crowd of 10,000 and shared two goals. Mr. Aw Boon-haw, owner of "Sing Tao Jih Pao," was among those present.

The Hong Kong team lacked thrust and showed poor combination, Cheong Wing-choy, their goalkeeper, saving the visitors from defeat.

There was a ding-dong battle in the first half when both teams were on the defensive, the soldiers showing up better. In the second half Cheong Wing-choy was at his best and repeatedly took great risks in bringing off some brilliant saves.

Near the interval the Army's centre-forward opened the score. The soldiers attacked persistently but five minutes before the end, Yip Pak-wah equalised through a free kick which went just under the bar.

On Tuesday Sing Tao will play Singapore Selective and the following day will be opposed to an All-Malayan team. (Copyright by "Sing Tao Jih Pao.")

SHORTER FIGHTS PROJECT ABANDONED

WHEN THE MARQUIS of Queensbury recently decided to try the experiment of putting on all six-round fights because of the inability of boxers to get sufficient time to train for contest of ten rounds or more, there was much shaking of heads, and considerable doubt about the outcome was expressed.

Some critics thought it would make no difference, but others were of the opinion that the scheme would only end in failure. Apparently, the Marquis has been advised to change his mind, for he has reverted to ten-round fights for his charity tournaments.

The idea was bound to lead to many difficulties, the main one being concerned with the reputations of the boxers. Six-round fights are skill alone.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TENNIS

K.C.C. MISS E. C. FINCHER

Although Anderson proved a worthy substitute and played surprisingly well, K.C.C. badly missed their captain, E. C. Fincher in their "A" Division League tennis match against Recreio yesterday and lost 6-3.

For the winners, W. A. Reed, playing in the first team for the first time this season, was very promising, while two left-handers, F. J. Remedios and C. A. Barretto, playing together, did fairly well. Remedios, who has been out of the game for some time, gave a fine display of powerful forehand driving. J. J. Remedios served very well.

For the visitors, Gray and Guest met with most success and won one, and drew two sets, but the inability of Burnett and Crawford, whose combination lacked confidence, to win a single set, although they led 3-1 in all three, proved too severe a handicap for K.C.C.

Lack of practice was evident in most players.

A. V. Remedios and W. A. Reed (Recreio), beat G. C. Burnett and A. Crawford 6-2
drew with S. A. Gray and A. E. P. Guest 6-6

beat E. F. Fincher and D. J. N. Anderson 6-4
A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios (Recreio),

beat Burnett and Crawford 6-3
drew with Gray and Guest 6-6
beat Fincher and Anderson 7-5

F. J. Remedios and C. A. Barretto (Recreio),

beat Burnett and Crawford 6-3
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lost to Fincher and Anderson 3-6

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"B" DIVISION TENNIS PAIRINGS

The following are "B" Division League tennis pairings:

P. L. W.

K. T. Ng and K. C. Wong (S.C.A.A.) 0 0 0
K. Sung and K. C. Wan (S.C.A.A.) 9 1/2 8 1/2

T. F. Lo and H. N. Chau (C.R.C. "A") 9 1 8

A. Banker and L. Souza (Filipino Club) 12 4 8

Y. Y. Lam and S. C. Cheung (C.R.C. "B") 6 0 6

C. S. Wong and S. Y. Li (S.C.A.A.) 6 0 6

G. Gillard and E. Eyamard (K.C.C.) 9 3 6

P. H. Ghil and K. N. Lee (C.R.C. "A") 6 1 5

Au Kam-moon and Lee Cheo-man (C.C.C.) 8 3 5

I. Kitchell and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.) 12 7 5

C. S. Wong and C. S. Lee (S.C.A.A.) 6 1/2 4

M. A. Wahab and M. E. Razack (I.R.C.) 9 4 2

S. R. Salter and M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.) 12 7/2 4

S. A. R. Bux and K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.) 6 2 4

C. M. Khan and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.) 9 5 4

Gonzales and Kwan (Filipino Club) 3 0 3

P. H. Chiu and W. C. Choy (C.R.C. "A") 3 0 3

Y. Y. Lam and C. Y. Tse (C.R.C. "B") 3 0 3

K. C. Ip and K. C. Wong (S.C.A.A.) 3 0 3

C. I. Chan and W. H. Mok (S.C.A.A.) 3 0 3

H. A. Ribeiro and F. Gonzalez (Filipino Club) 9 6 3

C. W. Chu and C. N. Chang (C.R.C. "B") 3 1/2 2

C. Wei and K. N. Li (C.R.C. "A") 3 1/2 2

C. Y. Tse and Y. Chan (C.R.C. "B") 3 1/2 2

N. Leonard and A. Hung (C.C.C.) 2 0 2

Y. Y. Lam and Y. W. Chung (C.R.C. "B") 3 1 2

Y. Chan and C. Y. Tse (C.R.C. "B") 3 1 2

L. Hon and K. M. Wong (C.R.C. "B") 3 1 2

Jahan Dad and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) 3 1 2

A. B. Hamson and F. Zimmerman (C.C.C.) 3 1 2

M. C. Hung and T. C. Yu (C.C.C.) 3 1 2

Idelfonso and Sien (Filipino Club) 3 1 2

C. Y. Tse and C. Y. Tse (C.R.C. "B") 3 1 2

H. W. Crabb and R. Turpin (K.C.C.) 9 7 2

S. Leonard and T. C. Yu (K.C.C.) 3 1 2

K. M. Wong and J. W. Chung (C.R.C. "B") 3 1 2

F. Ozario and G. Souza (C.C.C.) 3 1/2 1

A. B. Hamson and H. P. Lim (C.C.C.) 1 0 1

L. Jack and R. Turpin (K.C.C.) 3 2 1

A. E. Perry and H. W. Crabb (K.C.C.) 3 2 1

L. Jack and A. E. Perry (K.C.C.) 3 2 1

K. M. Wong and C. F. Tee (C.R.C. "B") 3 2 1

G. Singh and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.) 3 2 1

M. P. Madan and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.) 3 2 1

S. T. Chau and T. C. Yu (C.C.C.) 3 2 1

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M. Moontharie and M. A. Wahab (I.R.C.) 3 2 1

W. C. Choy and N. C. Tang (C.R.C. "A") 3 2 1

A. Semmillman and K. O. Morse (C.B.A.) 3 2 1

L. F. Hon and Y. W. Chung (C.R

Life Of A Jockey Is Not A Bed Of Roses

OFTEN BLAMED WHEN MATTERS GO WRONG

THE MOST condemned and harried person on the race track is the jockey, writes an American correspondent from San Francisco.

On him the public vents its spleen for every losing ticket. He's blamed for horses halt and lame; trainers weak and inefficient, sly owners, strategy that stinks and every accident that befalls a hot tip from flag fall to flag fall.

As the pilot in the engine house, with hand on the throttle, the jockey objectively becomes the symbol of victory or defeat. Not infrequently he is responsible.

He's a wise little owl who usually comes up out of the school of hard knocks, and he's in a business where thousands of dollars change hands on the calibre of ride he gives a four legged ritter notorious for its dumbness. A jockey is not highly paid for his skill unless he's a standout, so his resistance to temptation is not always steel like in quality.

His Load Is Heavy One

He realises how vital his position, how important a cog he is in the machinery. Yet his returns in respect to the responsibility he carries and the damage he can cause are infinitesimal. In his pay envelope, there is a 15 difference between a winning ride and a losing ride. Yet, \$100-\$00 in wages may be hanging in the balance, its fate depending on whether he finishes first or fourth. The differential is staggering. The jockey is no public idol. Barring a Sande or a Sloan, he's seldom accepted in Emily's circles. He's regarded with suspicion. Nobody clamours for his autograph. He is unknown to the kids, the country's greatest hero worshippers.

He is not even trusted by track officials who herd him around and guard him like a prisoner with small-pox. His telephone may be tapped, and his next door neighbour bribed to report on his behaviour. The scales look him in the eye and command him to cancel meals and sweat off pounds. But that's only the beginning.

He's Bilked And Exploited

Sanctimonious State commissions and profiteering race track owners allow him to be bilked without blinking an eye, lifting a voice in protest. He is charged exorbitant laundry rates by the custodian of the jockey room. He has to pay valet for packing his tack and helping to saddle somebody else's horse. He buys his own expensive equipment and must pay for its repair even though a wild horse may be responsible for damage incurred during a race. He is forced to maintain an agent who cuts in on his fee. Most tracks charge him double for his food.

If he is injured, he has to pay his own hospital bills. California has a "mystery fund" which is supposed to be used for that purpose, but a jockey has to swear poverty to become eligible for

There isn't a California track that insures its jockeys, and many rider's savings has been wiped out by medical and hospital bills.

On top of all that, he knows his period of active service is brief best.

In the end, weight gets him—if the stewards don't.

Deserves Square Shake

So the life of a jockey is not peaches and cream. But it would be a whole lot better if he was given a decent deal at least by those closest to him.

It is a disgrace that tracks could allow him to be exploited charged double for his laundry, for instance.

And owners of tracks should be forced to pay the valet fee.

New Hon. Secretary

H.K.L.T.A.

Mr. C. J. Tacchi is the new Hon. Secretary Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, having taken over these duties to-day from Mr. T. Pearce.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to play in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

P.R.C.

First Division (v. Recrelo "B", home):—G. Perkins, W. J. Cameron, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip); T. R. Hunter, W. B. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. C. S. Fender (Skip); W. McLeod, H. Brown, J. Orém and J. Shepherd (Skip).

Second Division (v. K.T.G.C.A., away):—J. Riddell, C. Willcox, F. Channing and J. Aitken (Skip); J. W. Harrop, R. D. Fitches, A. Soutar and J. MacDonald (Skip); G. Willerton, H. Tillman, J. R. McWalter and W. E. Hollands (Skip).

C.S.C.

First Division (v. K.B.G.C., away):—E. W. C. Simmonds, J. Hollidge, A. W. Grimmett and F. J. Jones (Skip); M. E. Purvis, W. J. Burling, M. N. Rakusen and H. E. Strange (Skip); J. Gelatinly, J. F. McGowan, L. A. Collyer and J. W. Deakin (Skip).

Second Division (v. Recrelo, away):—P. D. Crawley, H. Lord, H. F. Harper and C. Strange (Skip); C. J. Walker, J. R. Carr, A. Steven and S. Eccleshall (Skip); A. F. Shepherd, A. B. Allan, E. Kirton and W. R. Hillyer (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.

Third Division (v. K.B.G.C., home):—A. G. Gardner, R. A. Owens, J. F. Lunny and A. F. Paul (Skip); A. P. Tarbuck, C. E. Gahagan, S. Deacon and J. K. Sloan (Skip); W. Stoker, R. C. Butler, G. T. Padgett and G. G. S. Organ, G. S. Hammond and J. S. Thomson (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

First Division (v. Civil Service C.C., home):—T. Armstrong, H. White, L. Guy and A. J. Hall (Skip); G. W. Deacon, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer and G. H. Sheriff (Skip); W. L. Walker, T. E. Robson, A. Hyde-Lay and A. M. Holland (Skip).

Second Division (v. Taikoo, away):—E. F. Pope, V. C. Dixon, F. A. Cheeseman and R. Duncan (Skip); L. Sykes, E. V. Scarle, D. W. Waterton and H. Lockhart (Skip); A. Morton, E. A. Atkins, A. Bower and H. E. Drew (Skip).

Third Division (v. Electric, away):—E. Scard, H. Patrick, C. Wallis and K. C. Hamilton (Skip); H. C. Spong, C. E. Langley, L. A. Jordan and P. A. Peckham (Skip); G. W. Elphick, W. H. C. Butler, G. T. Padgett and G. G. S. Organ, G. S. Hammond and J. S. Thomson (Skip).

European "Y" Trounce Eastern

European Y.M.C.A. trounced Eastern in a friendly water polo match at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday, scoring six times without reply. Scorers for "Y" were Railton (1), C. Goldman (1), G. Fowler (1) and Chater (3).

This evening Eastern will be at home to the Small Ships and will be represented by:—Woo Cho-kin; Kwok Fung-sun and Shek Kam-pui; Tommy Kew; Chu Chuk-yau; Shiu Hung-yu and Lee Fook-ke.

K.B.G.C.

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The advertisement features a large sailing ship on the water, with a smaller boat nearby. The text "PLAYER'S CLIPPER CIGARETTES" is prominently displayed in the upper left, with "SEVEN SEAS' FAVOURITE" below it. At the bottom, it says "PLAIN AND CORK-TIPPED".

EIGHT RAIDERS SHOT DOWN OVER BRITAIN

Victims Round Coast, Scotland And Wales

CHUNGKING PRODUCTION DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New measures to raise production are being announced almost every day in Chungking.

Latest measure, says an official statement, was when the Szechuan provincial government approached the joint office of the four governmental banks for a loan of \$1,200,000 to increase the production of pigs, sheep and cattle under an ambitious agricultural programme.

It was also decided to use the increasing number of refugees in Szechuan to foster production. Refugees will be trained and will then introduce modern agricultural methods in villages, while refugees will be trained in working in leather tanneries to be established with an average capital of \$30,000 to \$50,000.

The Yunnan provincial government has decided to increase the agricultural co-operatives and to grant farmers an undisclosed amount of credits with a view to stimulating production and making Yunnan independent of foreign rice imports.

New Railways

Yunnan is also to substitute as much as possible horse-drawn carts for trucks, while new railway zones will be opened up. It is also hoped to start production of coal in the near future in Yunnan, while the buying, transportation and export of all tea is now being controlled by the government China Tea Company.

Private tea dealers will be allowed to continue operations with

ENLISTMENT OFFER MADE IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Britons in Shanghai may now enlist in the British Army, it was officially announced in the northern port to-day. All enlistments must be in the ranks but reasonable hope exists for every eligible candidate to become an officer. British European subjects residing in Shanghai are invited also to enlist in the Air Force.—Reuter.

17 H.K. ESTATES PAY \$427,972

Seventeen local estates in excess of \$200,000 were dealt with under Estate Duty requirements during 1939.

One hundred and seven estates of British persons and 419 Chinese estates of under \$200,000 provided a total revenue of about \$250,000.

\$427,972 came from the 17 estates in excess of \$200,000.

in the country only with the company's permission.—Reuter.

THE DESTRUCTION of eight enemy aircraft was officially confirmed in London last night.

A series of communiques during yesterday confirm that enemy bombers were shot down on the south-east coast of Scotland, off the Welsh coast and near the north-west coast during the night and early morning.

Late yesterday afternoon the Air Ministry announced that five more enemy aircraft were confirmed to have been shot down. A ninth victim, so far not officially confirmed, is reported to have been shot down in the sea off the south-east coast of England during an unsuccessful attack on a convoy in the morning.—Reuter.

Earlier yesterday some bombs were dropped in a district in south-west Scotland. Little damage was done and no one was seriously injured.—Reuter.

British Raids On Aircraft Factories

An Air Ministry communiqué in London yesterday stated that aircraft factories at Gotha, Kassel and Wenzendorf, oil depots at Hamburg and Gelsenkirchen, railway communications, goods yards anti-aircraft batteries, searchlights and 12 aerodromes were among the objectives in Holland and Germany attacked on Tuesday night by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

An enemy fighter which attacked one of our bombers was shot down. One of our aircraft is missing.

Coastal Command aircraft, besides carrying out their usual patrol and escort duties, attacked oil tanks in Dunkirk harbour in the afternoon.

They also shot down an enemy flyingboat off the north-east of Scotland in the evening, and attacked oil tanks at Flushing and docks at Amsterdam during the night.

A total of eight enemy aircraft was shot down by our fighters and A.A. guns during the day. Two of our fighters were lost.—Reuter.

South-East Bombing

A Ministry of Home Security communiqué says enemy aircraft yesterday afternoon dropped bombs on a town in south-east England, causing slight damage and few casualties.

AIR CLASH OFF THE EAST COAST

Air battles off the South-East coast yesterday were witnessed by a young man just accepted for service in the Royal Air Force.

He said: "I wish I had been up."

This recruit saw a German fighter from which the pilot baled out, dive crash.

He continued: "So thrilling was it that the watchers forgot their own danger from flying bullets and stood peering up into the sky watching the planes rushing in and out of the clouds.

There were squadrons of R.A.F. fighters taking part. The deadliness of their fire when they got within range of the enemy was seen in the wreckage of the German fighter which fell in a street.

Its smashed fuselage was riddled with bullet holes."—Reuter.

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MASS INOCULATION IN PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Public Health Bureau in Peiping has inoculated more than 730,000 Chinese against cholera in a rigorous mass inoculation campaign. Public Health nurses have been placed at various points in the city, mainly at city gates and railway stations, to give free inoculations.—Havas.

STOP PRESS

A vigorous protest against compulsory evacuation from Hong Kong was made by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock in Legislative Council Finance Committee this afternoon on the token vote for \$10,000 in connection with evacuation expenses.

Sir Henry said: "I regret that I must vote against this item of \$10,000 for evacuation expenses, because I do not agree with the Government's evacuation policy."

"I am of opinion that, apart from women with children, the Government ought not to evacuate any more British women from this Colony."

I am further of opinion that British married women without children and British single women, who have already been evacuated from the Colony, ought to be given by the Government the option of returning to Hong Kong from Manila, instead of being sent on from Manila to Australia. I cannot see any justification for these two classes of women, provided that they are willing to run the risk of Hong Kong being invaded, being kept in enforced exile for an absolutely indefinite period, which may possibly not terminate until both the European War and the Sino-Japanese hostilities have come to an end.

I am aware of the so-called "clear the decks for action" argument, but it seems to me to lack weight, in view of the sheer impossibility of evacuating the hundreds of thousands of Chinese women and children who live in our midst. Any comparison with fortresses, pure and simple, like Gibraltar or Malta, must, therefore, be fallacious.

The deportation of women from the Colony, against their will, is entirely contrary to those principles of freedom and justice for which we are fighting in Europe, in our struggle against Nazi Germany.

The sooner compulsory evacuation, which has already caused widespread misery and unemployment, is abolished, the better.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo said in part:

This Council was never consulted on the question of compulsory evacuation. The Finance Committee is now being asked to give a blank cheque in respect of an expenditure which this Council has never approved

and for an object which has dumbfounded the Colony and caused universal complaint and criticism.

From certain announcements which have appeared in the Press it would appear that Government is making itself responsible not only for the actual cost of transport to Manila and Australia and return to Hong Kong, but also for the maintenance of the families of those who cannot afford to maintain themselves.

The period of evacuation is in-

definite. It may be for 3 months, 6 months, or a number of years. Therefore the position, as it appears to us, is that the taxpayers of this Colony are being made to pay for the evacuation of a very small and selected section of the community and, whenever necessary, for their maintenance and support during an indefinite period leaving some 99.9 per cent. of the population uncared for and unprotected when an emergency does come.

I am aware that most if not all of the evacuees did not ask for and did not like the evacuation; that they naturally resent the enforced separation from those near and dear to them, and that their husbands suffer and will continue to suffer great financial burdens and hardship arising from the evacuation. In all sincerity, I keenly sympathise with them.

Moreover, I know that many of the evacuees have very bitter tales to tell of what I can only describe as disgraceful discrimination in treatment meted out to them, not by the Manila Authorities and people to whom this Colony owes a great debt of gratitude, but by those charged by the Hong Kong Government to look after their welfare. I hope that these complaints are being fully investigated by Government. I

know further that those not compulsorily evacuated have much to be thankful for in the existing circumstances. But the terrible hardships of the evacuees, the financial sacrifices which husbands of the evacuees have to bear, and the advantages at the present time of those not compulsorily evacuated, can have no relevancy on the point of principle that some million and a half people in Hong Kong are made to pay for the evacuation and maintenance of some 5,000 people.

My colleagues and I realise very keenly the difficulties of Government and the last thing we wish to do is to embarrass Government. But as representatives of some 98% of the population for whom Government has as yet not been able to do anything either for their evacuation or for their protection during an emergency and who bear some 90% of the burden of taxation, we feel it our duty to vote against this item.

The Committee later went into "Secret Session," the Press being excluded.

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